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History of the Families

OF

SKEET, SOMERSCALES, WIDDRINGTON,

WILBY, MURRAY, BLAKE, GRIMSHAW,

AND OTHERS.

BY A CONNECTION OF THE SAME.

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TO

FREDERICK WILBY

OF

WESTFIELD HOUSE

(1806—1906).

Seventy-five Copies only of this Work
were printed for me, of which this is
No. 20.

Francis J. A. Scott

INTRODUCTION. 1142605

A NUMBER of old papers connected with the families of Skeet, Somerscales, Widdrington, Wilby, and Murray came into my possession some years ago; much of the information contained in them was scrappy and disjointed, but upon going carefully through them I recognized that with further additions from the College of Arms, Somerset House, and the Public Record Office, complete histories might be written. Having decided to commence the Work, I received the greatest kindness and assistance from members of the different families, and from genealogists, both amateur and professional. I take this opportunity of expressing my deep gratitude to all who have aided me. AMEROSE LEE, Esq., *York Herald*, designed and prepared the blocks for printing, which sufficiently speak for themselves. My Publishers, by their courteous and ready aid in difficulties, have rendered the completion of my task an easy and pleasant one.

I have as far as possible followed Burke's system in setting out the families, with a key pedigree at the commencement of each. A Roman numeral is placed in front of the head of each generation of each branch of a family. The name of the King or Queen precedes in most cases the Roman numeral to give a rough historical idea of the period. Each branch is in turn worked out to a finish, then a return is made to the parent stock for a fresh one. For example, the descendants of Henry, 4th son of Richard Skete, do not come in until p. 49. Allied families are completed in their proper place, and although their insertion seem to somewhat interfere with the continuity of the original family, it was considered better than leaving them for Appendices.

Much can be learnt from Family Histories as to social conditions in different centuries. Most of the old nobility were wiped out by the Wars of the Roses. Under the Tudors a new aristocracy arose, pledged to support their masters in the change of religion and the spoiling of the Religious Institutions. The great Civil War was disastrous to many a gentle house; we shall see how the families of Skeet, Slyfield, Sandes, and Westbrook, from being landed gentry, sunk after the rise of the Commonwealth to the rank of yeomen, a class who were almost exterminated by the heavy taxation of the eighteenth century. The Wilbys are an interesting example of a ruined yeoman family, after a century of industry in London, regaining their place amongst the small landed gentry.

The account of the romantic house of Widdrington is that of an ancient Feudal family, ultimately ruined by their devotion to their old faith and dynasty.

It has been my endeavour to insert as far as possible only proven facts, and to let them speak for themselves, with the intention of preserving the histories of the several families.



Sket Pedigree.



In a Roll of Arms temp. Richard II., circa A.D. 1392—97, appears: "425, Monsr. John Skette, Argent, a cross-crosslet sable." This roll was printed by Thomas Willement, F.S.A. (4to, London, 1834), from the original belonging to J. Newling, Canon of Litchfield, which was emblazoned on vellum. It also appears in "Some Feudal Coats of Arms from Heraldic Rolls, 1298—1418," by Joseph Foster, Hon. M.A. Oxon. These arms appear to have been afterwards assumed by the family of Scott of Kent.

William Sket of Weston, temp. Edward I.

Roger Sct of Weston, temp. 1287.

John Sket of Weston and Coddington, temp. Edward III.	William Sket of Kingston, 4 Edward III.	Ralph Skeet of Kingston, temp. Edward III.	William Skiet of Bletchingley, temp. Edward III.	Gilbert Sket of La Legh, temp. Edward III.
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William Sket of Ockley, temp. Richard II. = Johana. John Sket of Ockley, temp. Richard II.

Joh'is Skyuet = Johanna, cohæres de Weston de Weston; ob. 19 Henry VI.

John Skete of Long Ditton, ob. 1485 = Alice.

Richard Skete of Leatherhead. Will proved 1491 = Johanne.

Richard Skete, living at Leatherhead 1546-7.	John, of Leatherhead. Will proved 1536.	Henry Skete, living at West Horsley 1524.	Thomas Skyte = Anne. Will proved 1546.
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William = Jane. Will proved 1599.	Walter. Will proved 1620.	David. Will proved 1619.
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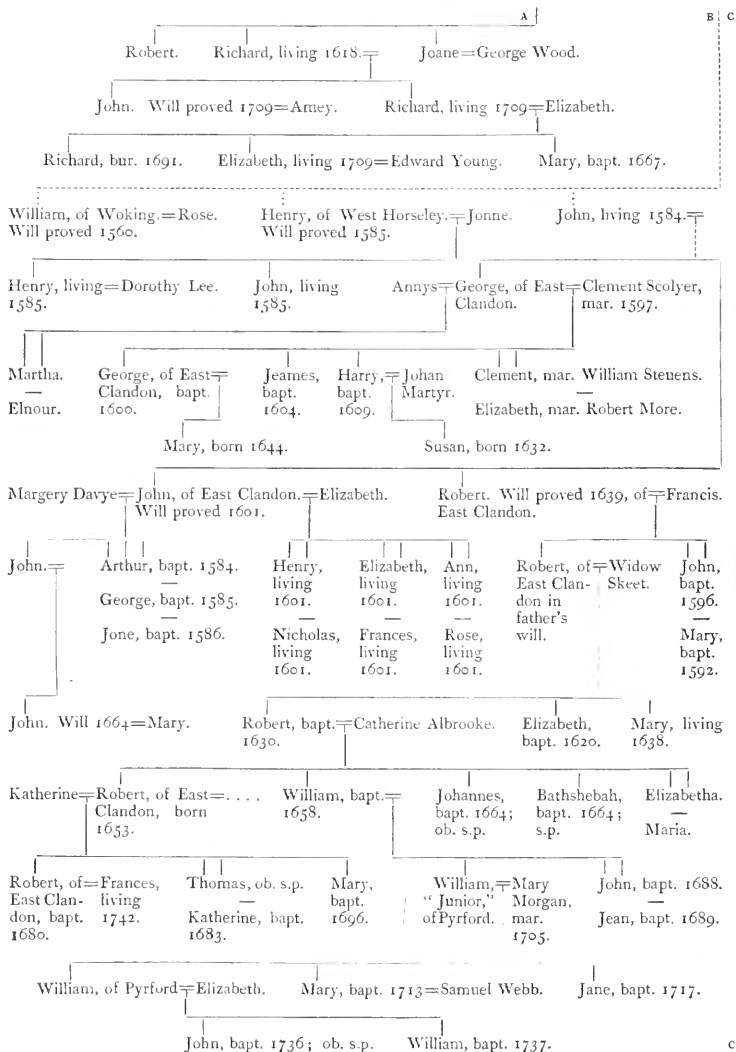
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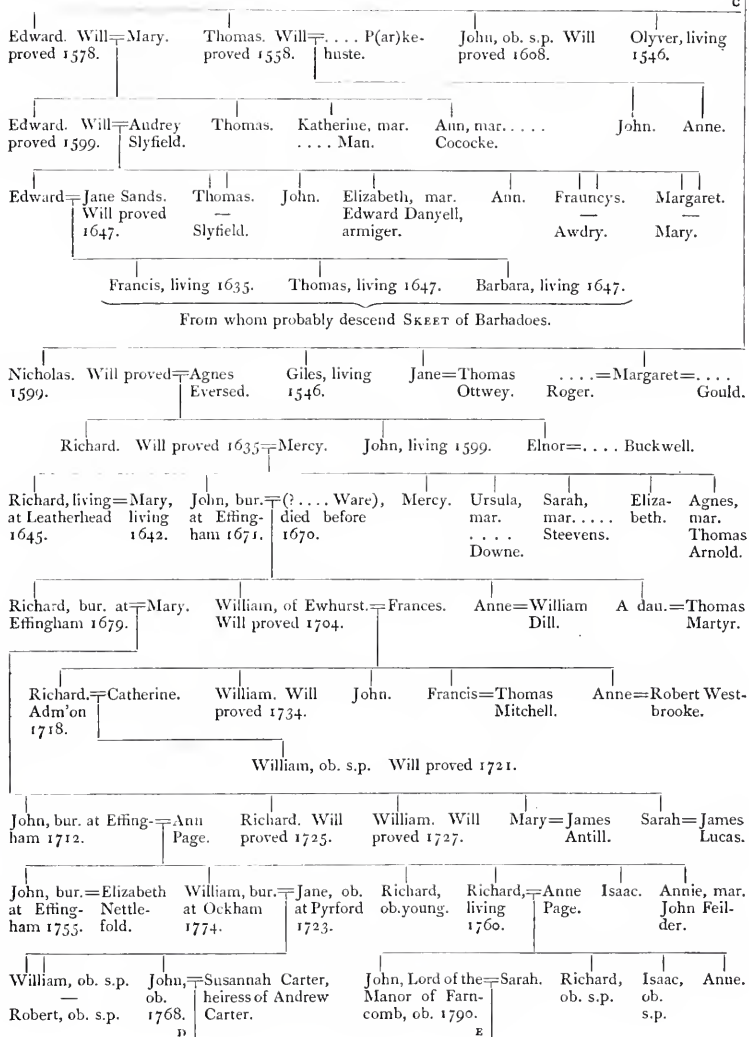
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Clemente Skete. Nuncupative will 1607.					

William, of Leatherhead. Will proved 1618.

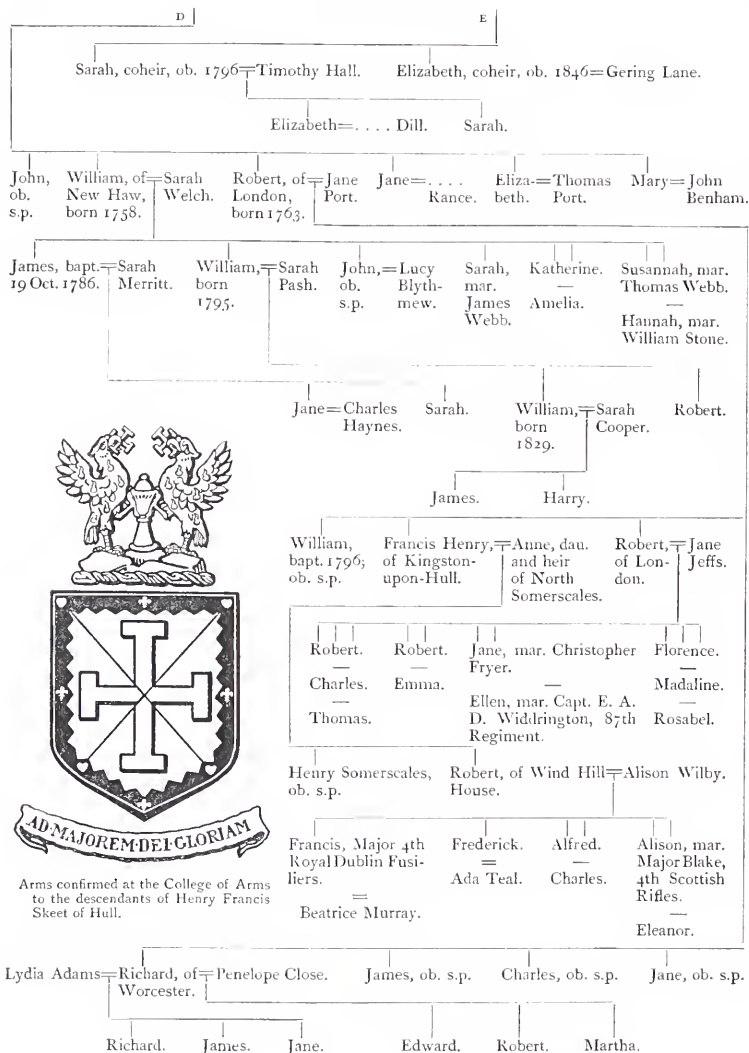
David, in cousin David's will.

SKEET PEDIGREE.





SKEET PEDIGREE.



AD MAJOREM DEL GLORIAM

Arms confirmed at the College of Arms to the descendants of Henry Francis Skeet of Hull.

A HISTORY OF THE FAMILIES

OF

Skeet, Somerscales, Widdrington, Wilby, Murray,
Blake, Grimshaw, and others.

THE FAMILY OF SKEET.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME.

PROFESSOR W. W. SKEAT, the learned professor of Anglo-Saxon, says: "The fact that the name begins with *Sk* is characteristic, as it makes it quite certain that it is of Scandinavian origin. No native English word begins with *Sk*; it is characteristic of English that it turns every *Sk* into *Sh*—as in shower from Anglo-Saxon *scūr*. In the thirteenth century the word 'skeet' is not uncommon as an adjective in the sense of 'swift.' It means precisely 'swift,' and is etymologically connected with the verb 'to shoot,' *i.e.*, to dart forward. The spelling makes no *real* difference. The earliest is *Skēt*, with the *ē* long. Skeet is that of the fourteenth century. The Tudor English form is Skeat or Skeate. The name is properly East Anglian, and is found at Felixstowe and near Ipswich. It is certainly of Danish or Norwegian origin; probably the family came over with *Cnūt*."

The following examples of the family in Sweden and Denmark confirm the above:—

SWEDEN.

Skytte de Duderhoff, Suède (Barons 1624, M. ét en 1683). Ec.: aux 1 et 4 d'arg. à un Pégase galopant de gu.; aux 2 et 3 d'or à deux tiges de rosier feuillées de sin., posées en chev. renv., acc. en chef d'une rose de gu. Sur le tout d'azur à un homme, hab. d'une jupe d'or, recouvert d'un manteau de gu., coiffé d'un bonnet d'arg., tenant de sa main dextre un faisceau de trois flèches d'or et de sa sen un arc d'or en pal. C.: 1^o un vol coupé alt. d'arg. et de gu.; 2^o une tête et col d'aigle de sa., bq. d'or; 3^o un soleil d'or, entre deux flèches du même, posées en chev. renv., les pointes en haut.

(Rietstap Armorial Général, 1884—87.)

DENMARK.

Where it was well known in the Middle Ages. The following (A.D. 1240) is from Liber census Daniæ tempore Regum Waldemari II.* and Christophori I.† confectus, ex codice

* Reigned 1202—1241.

† Reigned 1252—1259.

membranaceo Holmensi cœvo descriptus 1754 notisque illustratus a I. Langebekio & postea[†] editus a P. F. Subm 1790:—

Robert flutter (1543) { Jakawoldal xvii.
Saintakæ viii. & tuki wrang. xx. v. & Gerard Skyttæ, x non a rege
sed de helf gutæ (1544).

Scriptores Rerum Danicarum medi ævi Tomus vii. 547.

1040.

There is a Sket mentioned A.D. 1040, twenty-six years before the Norman Conquest (p. 292 of the Chronicle of John de Oxenede), as a benefactor to St. Benet at Holme, "Sket miles dedit Northwaldesham."

1294. Court of Hustings, London, 1294-5.

Sket, John. His house and shop in the parish of All Hallows at the Hay to be sold by his ex'ors for payment of debts, etc., and John Atte Selde to be preferred as purchaser by half a mark of silver. No date. Roll 24 (45).

The name is said to occur twice in the Domesday Survey.

1311.

Sket, Warine. Burgess returned for Dunwich. Parliament at London, 5 Edward II.

1315.

Skita, William (Williclmus Skyta), mancuator of Stephanus Scorialgh. Burgess returned for Liskeard, 5 Edward II. (Parliamentary Writs, Sir Francis Palgrave, 1834.)

1358.

Hants. Grant by John Say, knight, etc., manor of Avene, mentions Henry Skeet, clerk. (Catalogue of Ancient Deeds.)

1391.

In the Earl of Derby's expeditions in 1391—93 a certain John Skette (incorrect spelling) of Lynn sold cloth to the Earl of Derby (afterwards Henry IV.) for 33 shillings. He seems to have been a mercer.

1515.

For the Sub-prior and Convent, St. Andrew's, Northampton. Congé d'elire on the promotion of Th. Skyte *alias* York, their prior, to the Abbey of Whitby, 8 Feb. (State Papers, 1515—18, vol. ii., part 2.)

William Skete, B.D. of King's College, Cambridge, was Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity in 1542.

SKET OF SURREY.

This branch of the family may have come from East Anglia, as suggested by Professor Skeat, or they may have settled in Surrey during one of the Danish invasions into that county.

994.

In 994 Sweyn, King of the Danes, and Olaf Tryggvasson ravaged through Surrey to the south-west.

1009.

Cnut was contesting for the English Crown in 1009, when the Danes marched through Surrey to the Lower Thames.

1013.

In 1013 Swegen marched from Winchester to London.

1015.

In 1015 Cnut went westward from Kent to Frome in Somersetshire.

("Victoria History of Surrey.")

"The first place in the county where we find the family settled from recorded evidence is Thames Ditton.

The families of De Ditton and Sket appear in various ancient deeds as owners of land in this parish. . . .

By a deed without date Edward, son of Roger de la Westlonde of Weston (in Thames Ditton) granted to William Sket in consideration of his homage and services and 4s. sterling, a rood of land next Hole Lane, with full liberty to give, sell, devise, or assign the same, paying yearly one penny for all services, customs, exactions, suit of court, and secular demands.

By another deed, also without date, William Sket of Weston granted to Robert de Ditton and Amabill his wife, and to William, called the Fisherman, father of this Robert, half an acre in Whatecroft.

By another deed, also without date, Robert de Ditton granted and released to William, son of William Sket, all his right and claims in an acre of land in the furlong called Dike Broks; which acre William Sket and Marjorie his wife, father and mother of William the son, bought of Richard the Hermyte, and Alice, daughter of William Raf, wife of the said Richard, and which Marjorie, and John, son and heir of William, husband of Margery, had released to this Robert de Ditton.

1272—1307, Edward I.

The names of some of the witnesses to these deeds appear in other deeds which are dated in the reign of King Edward I., so that they may be presumed to have been made about that time.

By a chirograph of a deed indented with the marks of the letters of the other part appearing here and dated 'Die Martis in festo S'ci Alphegi anno Regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis H. viccesimo,' William Sket of Weston grants to Ralph le M'rchal of the same the moiety of his land at Hakereshotten with 2s. 6d., which to the said Ralph is paid in land, lying next land of Peter de Ditton, paying yearly to said William one grain of barley at Michaelmas for all services, customs, suit of court, and all things. This was in exchange for half an acre in Long Furlong, next land of Roger Sket, reserving to Ralph one grain of wheat in like manner."

(Manning and Bray's "History of Surrey.")

1287, Edward I. From the Feet of Fines.

This is the final agreement made on the morrow of the anniversary of the fifteenth year of the reign of King Edward I. Between Roger Sket of Weston, plaintiff, and William de la Hegge and Ellen his wife, defendants, of eighteen acres of land, and three acres of pasture with appurtenances in Weston, in which the said William and Ellen acknowledge the said lands with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Roger as those which the same Roger has given to the aforesaid William and Ellen. To have and to hold to the same Roger and

his heirs for ever. Paying therefor annually one rose at the feast of the Nativity of St. John*: the Baptist for all services due and customary to the said William and Ellen and their heirs.

(Case 227, File 25, 15—19 Edw. I., No. 8.)

1332, Edward III.

6 Edward III., John Sket released to Robert de Ditton his capital messuage and all his lands in Thames Ditton. (Manning and Bray's "History of Surrey.")

[184/2, 4 Edw. III.] William Sket, tax paid xvij^d; Ralph Skeet xii^d tax (Town of Kingston). William Skiet, tax iij^s (Village of Bletchingley). Gilbert Sket, tax v^s viij^d (Village of La Legh). John Sket, tax xx^d (Weston). John Sket, tax vj^s x^d (Coddington with the Hundred of Copthorne). (Surrey Lay Subsidies.)

Richard II.

[184/29, 4 Rich. II.] William Sket taxed 11s. with Johā his wife; John Sket and William Sket are taxed together xvij^d (Ockley). (Surrey Lay Subsidies.)

19 Henry VI.

From the pedigree of Weston of Ockham, eo. Surrey, in the Visitation. "Johanna Uxor Joh'is Skyuet et cohæres Johannes de Weston de Weston in Surr. Ar; ob. 19 H. VI." He left three daughters, the third "Anna cohæres uxor Thomas Slyfield de Bockham in Surr." There is a long pedigree of the Weston family in vol. ii. of Brayley and Britton's "History of Surrey." Weston bore in the Visitation of Surrey 1623 (Surrey Archæological Collections, vol. 12), "Sable, a chevron or between three lions' heads erased argent," and sixteen quarterings.

1485, Henry VII.

Will of John Skete of Long Ditton, dated 4 September 1485, mentions Walter Dobislane. Residue to wife Alice. Overseers, Michael Hosey and John Raynold. Witnesses, John Whit, Robert Clay, and Thomas More. Proved 22 November 1485.

(Surrey Arch., Spage, fo. 18.)

1499.

In the neighbouring county of Sussex we find in vol. ii., part ii., Cartwright's "Rape of Bramber," that "John Fust, Roger Skete, and John Boys settled on Thomas Aylone and Agnes his wife four messuages, two gardenes, twelve acres of land and 10*d.* rent" at Horsham.

SKEET OF LEATHERHEAD.

The founder of this family appears to have been Richard Skete. His will follows. It is unfortunate he does not mention his "*filiorum mæorum et filioarum mearum*" by name. We find one of them, Thomas, mentions his father in his will; he was ancestor of the Skeets of Barbadoes and Effingham. Other sons founded the families of East Clandon, Woking, and perhaps Egham. This will is an interesting example of simple Catholic belief as it existed in England not long before the "Reformation." His descendant, the author of this book, has returned to that ancient faith where alone there can be the unity of Christendom.

The two lines of Effingham and East Clandon after their severance from the original stock at Leatherhead are worked out separately.

As frequent mention is made of the Leatherhead manors in the family wills, the following extract from Manning and Bray's "Surrey" will make them more easily understood.

"Leatherhead, a town in the hundred of Cophthorpe, county of Surrey, had two manors, Pachensham or Pachevesham alias Ledered alias Minchin, and Thorncroft. The first of these two manors came to the Sandes family by the marriage of Thomas Sands with Jane, the heiress of the Agmondishams (see that name). Jane Sandes died 10 September 1557, seised of one-third of one-fourth part of the Manor of Pachevesham Parva, leaving Robert Sands her son and heir. He by purchase became possessed of the whole estate, a mansion house and three farms containing about 450 acres.

"In 1705 John Sandes sold a portion of the lands by Act of Parliament, retaining the mansion and manor. His heiress Elizabeth Lechmere sold the remainder to Joseph Ashton."

HENRY VIII. WILL OF RICHARD SKEET.

In Dei Nomīe Amen secundo die mensis Octobris Anno dni⁹ Millm^o cccc^{mo} nonagesimo primo Ego Ricūs Skete de Lethered in con⁹ Surr⁹ Winton⁹ dioc⁹ sanis mente et in mea bona memoria existens facio et ordino testamentum meū in hūc modum Inprimis lego animā⁹ meam Deo p^{ri} omnipotenti Beate Marie Virgini Ac omīb⁹ sanet⁹ corpus q³ meum sepeliend in ecclia Beate Marie de Lethered p^{re}dic⁹. Itē lego Matrici ecclie Winton⁹ xx^sd. Item lego sumō altari ecclie de Lethered p^{re}dicte oves matrices & ij^s. Ita q³ vicarius ecclie de Lethered sup^{er}dic⁹ p^{er}cipiat illas pro decimis meis obli⁹. Item lego lumi sanete Cruce⁹ in ecclia supradicta sex oves matrices. Item lego reparationi tortarum in ecclia p^{re}dic⁹ ij^s iij^sd. Ita ut illumē⁹ in die obitus mei Triginta⁹ et anim⁹ sariū. Item lego fra⁹nitati Beate Marie de Dorkyng xij^sd. Item lego fra⁹nitati de Byflete xij^sd. Item volo et ordino ut sacerdos celebret pro me et amic⁹ meis a die triginta⁹ usq³ ad dimidiū Anni in ecclia de Lethered p^{re}dic⁹ et p^{er}cipiat inde quinq³ marcas legalis monete Anglie. Item lego cuilibet filiolorum meorum et filiolarum meaz duas oves matrices. Residuū vero omī⁹ bonoz meoz supius non legatoz post debi⁹ mea soluta sepultura meam factam et p^{re}ntem [presentem] meam ultima voluntatem pimpletam [perimpletam] do et lego Johanne uxori mee Quam quidem Johanna⁹ Ac Johannem Kegewe facio et constituo executores meos ut ipi disponant prout eis melius videbi⁹. Et volo q³ p^{re}dictus Johannes h^{ab}eat pro Labore suo vj^s viij^sd. Item volo & ordino ut magister Johannes Maye vicarius de Lethered p^{re}dic⁹ et Johannes Hamersham generosus sint sup^{er}visores huj⁹s testi mei. Ita ut p^{re}dictus vicarius habeat pro Labore suo xx^s hīs testib⁹ Joh⁹ne Maye vicario de Lethered supradic⁹ Johanne Grossam Radulpho Rippynden & aliis. Dat die et Anno supradic⁹.

Proved 30 Nov. 1491 by John Kegewe (P.C.C., Dogett, 2).

I. RICHARD SKEET of Leatherhead.

Translation of his will:—

In the name of God, Amen. I, Richard Skete of Letherhed, in the County of Surrey and Diocese of Winchester, being of sound mind and perfect memory, make and ordain this my last will and testament on the 2nd day of October, in the year of Our Lord 1491, as follows: First, I leave my soul to Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, my body to be buried in the Church of Blessed Mary of Lethered aforesaid.

Item, I bequeath to the Mother Church* of Winchester 20^sd.

Item, I leave to the High Altar of Lethered church aforesaid some ewes and 2s., so that the vicar of the church of Lethered aforesaid may receive them for tithes forgotten.

Item, I leave for Holy Cross lights in the church aforesaid six ewes.

Item, I leave for the renewal of the torches in the church aforesaid 3s. and 4d., Item that they may be lighted from the day of my decease during the trental.

* It was a common custom to leave something to the cathedral church of the diocese.

I leave to the fraternity* of the Blessed Mary of Dorking 12*d*.

I leave to the fraternity of Byfleet 12*d*.

Item, I will and ordain that a priest shall celebrate mass for me and my friends, from the thirtieth† day after my decease for half a year, and shall receive therefor five marks of legal money of England.

Item, I leave to each of my little sons and daughters, two ewes apiece.

The residue of all my goods not hereinbefore bequeathed after the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give and bequeath to my wife Johana, whom with John Kegewe I make and constitute my executors that they may dispose thereof as may seem best to them, and I will that the aforesaid John shall have for his trouble 6*s*. 8*d*.

Item, I will and ordain that Master John Maye, vicar of Lethered aforesaid, and John Hamersham, gentleman, be supervisors of this my testament, and that the aforesaid vicar shall have for his trouble 20*s*. These being witnesses, John Maye, Vicar of Lethered aforesaid, John Grossam, Ralph Rippynden and others. Dated the day and year aforesaid.

Proved P.C.C. by John Kegewe, 29 Nov. 1491.

Had issue:—

1. Thomas, of whom later; and probably
2. John, of whom later.
3. Richard, of whom later.
4. Henry, of whom later.

Henry VIII.

II. Thomas Skyte of Leatherhead in Surrey, yeoman. Mentioned in Lay Subsidies for Surrey.

[184/150, 14 Hen. VIII.] Thomas Skete, in goods x^s, tax v^s (Leatherhead).

[184/143, 15 Hen. VIII.] Thomas Skete, in goods lx^s, tax xviii^d (Leatherhead).

[184/183, 33 Hen. VIII.] Thomas Skete, for his goods x^s (Leatherhead).

[184/200, 34-35 Hen. VIII.] Thomas Skeet, tax for his goods xiiij^s viij^d (Leatherhead).

[184/174, 26 Hen. VIII.] Thomas Skete, in goods xx^{li}, tax x^s (Leatherhead).

[184/203, 36 Hen. VIII.] Thomas Skete, xxij^s iiii^d (Leatherhead).

Will dated 4 August, 38 Henry VIII. (1546). To be buried in the parish church of Leatherhead, near the sepulchre of Richard Skyte, the father of testator. Mentions:—

1. Eldest son Edward Skyte, residuary legatee (of whom later).
2. "Second son Thomas Skyte, two acres of ground (over and above the lands and tenements already given him) lying in the common field of Leatherhead, next to the other acre of the said son Thomas on the east, and upon the land of Thomas a Denes on the west, and the other acre lyeth at the Wythies, adjoining Bentiscroft on the north, and upon the land of Mr. Skot on the east, and the land of Thomas a Dene on the West."

[184/197, 34-35 Henry VIII.] Thomas Sket, jun., tax for goods x^d (Leatherhead).

Will of Thomas Skete of Leatherhead in Surrey, dated 12 April 1558. To be buried in the churchyard of Leatherhead. Mentions:—

- (1) Son John Skete, to have the house at Sharwell and all lands within the parish of Leatherhead.

Brother Nicholas Skete.

- (1) "John Skete and Anne Skete my chyldeyne," residuary legatees and executors.

* A guild or sodality. There were no friars at Dorking.

† He had evidently arranged beforehand, or thought his friends would arrange for the usual trental.

Overseers, John* P(ar)kehuste, testator's father-in-law, and brother Edward Skete.

Witnesses, Nicholas Steven, Edward Skete, and Arnold Merste. Proved 6 September (no year given, 1558?).

3. Son John Skyte. A citizen and draper of London, is mentioned in Edward Skeyte's will as a cousin (uncle). He was a great benefactor to the poor of his native place, Leatherhead. The following inscription is on his monument, surmounted by the Drapers' Arms, in Leatherhead Church:—

"John Skeete, Citizen and Draper of London, Borne in this parish, of his charitable disposition gave by his Will towards the releefe of the poore of this parish ccl, x^l whereof is already disposed of according to his Will and the residue cxi^l is together with xx^l more added thereto by his Executors bestowd in lands lying neare Kingston upon Thames, the rents whereof being now viii^l xii^s a yeare, and further to be advanced as the Leases thereof made shall be expired, are according to y^e said will to be bestowed by the Churchwardens and 4 of y^e discreetest in the Parish in Bread every Saboath day after morning prayer, to the poore of this parrish according to certain Indentores in that behalfe made and inrolled in the High Court of Chancerie, made for that purpose to viii feoffes of this Parrish in trust to the use of the poore, and that after v of these viii shall be deceased then viii more of this parrish are to be enfeofed to y^e use aforesaid, and so to be continued for ever.

VIVIT POST FUNERA VIRTUS.

He deceased the xiiij of September 1608.

Repaired and Beautified by Order of the Trustees A.D. 1849."

The trust has now greatly increased in value. Thirty years ago the bread was still given away on Sundays.

The will of John Skeete, citizen and draper of London, dated 3 August 1608, names testator's sister, Jane Ottwey, wife of Thomas Ottwey of Leatherhead, Surrey, and her heirs, to have all copyhold lands and tenements within the Manor of Pattersham in Leatherhead which testator had after the surrender of Edward Man and Agnes his wife, also said sister to have £1000. Robert Otway, eldest son of said sister, £300, to be paid three months after his decease. John Otway, another son, £300 at the age of 21 years. Thomas Otway, also a son of said sister, £300 at the age of 21 years. Mary Otway, daughter of said sister, £300 when 21 or on her marriage. Cousin Oliver Mann of Kingston upon Thames £300, to be paid within six months after his decease. Thomas Man, testator's apprentice, £300, to be paid within a year. Cousin Jethro Mann £300, to be paid within a year. Cousin Agnes Thorne, daughter of Walter Mann, testator's late brother, deceased, £200, to be paid within a year, and unto her daughter Agnes Paltocke £50 at the age of 21, or on her marriage, and her second daughter Elizabeth Paltocke the same. Cousin Smith, daughter of sister Gould, deceased, £150, to be paid within a year. Cousin Greenwell, second daughter of sister Gould, £150 within a year. Cousin Philis Gould, third daughter of sister Gould, £150. Cousin Elizabeth Skeete, then dwelling with testator, £100, to be paid within a year. Friend Hugh Parry, clothworker, £100. Alice, Sibill, and Samuel, children of Edward Leminge, draper, £50 each. Apprentice Peter Battye £10. Servant Sara Nicholls £10. Mr. Herde, parson of the parish church of St. Leonard's, Eastcheap, London, where testator dwells, £10. Testator also bequeathed a nest of silver bowls to the Worshipful Company of Drapers, of which he is free, with his name upon them. Cousin

* Rafe Parkehurst of Leatherhead, taxed vi^s viii^d, 36 Hen. VIII. (184/203, Lay Subsidies).

Frauncys Rogers and his wife, brother Thomas Otway, Mr. William Bloys of Ipswich, Mr. John Whitinge of Boston, Mr. John Johnson, Merchant Tailor, Peter Hall, Richard Gall, Richard Husband, Katherine Mann of Kingston, widow. Also a great number of charitable bequests, some to villagers in Surrey. Cousin John Rayney, citizen and draper of London, executor.

Proved 15 September 1608 (P.C.C., Windebanck, 80).

4. Son Olyver Skyte (living 1546).

5. Son Nicholas Skyte, of whom later.

6. Son Giles Skyte.

1. Daughter Jane Skyte (married Thomas Ottwey; see 3, John's will).

2. Daughter Margaret Roger, probably re-married Gould; see 3, John's will. Edward Rogers, yeoman, is mentioned in Edward Skeete's will in 1590.

Godson Thomas Skyte, and Anne Skyte, children of son Edward (see III.), wife Anne and son Edward, executors. Overseer, Thomas Sandes of Leatherhead, gentleman (see pedigree of that family). (Thomas Skyte's great-grandson married Jane Sands.) Witnesses, Humfry Cholmeley and Nycholas Steven.

Proved 22 September 1546.

Mary and Elizabeth.

III. Edward Skeete of Leatherhead in Surrey, yeoman. In Surrey Lay Subsidies [184/197, 34-35 Hen. VIII.] Edward Sket tax for goods xii^d. Will dated 10 May 1577. To be buried in the churchyard of Leatherhead. Mentions:—

Wife Mary shall dwell in testator's house in Leatherhead, with son Edward Skeete during her life.

1. Son and heir Edward Skeete all messuages, houses, lands, and hereditaments, etc. (of whom later).

2. Thomas, to whom his grandfather Thomas was godfather (mentioned in his will in 1546); probably dead in 1577, as he does not appear in his father's will.

1. Daughter Katherine Man and her children Edward and Suzan Man.

2. Daughter Anne Cocoeke and her son Allen Cocoeke, also her children John, Katherine, Mary, and Dorothy Cocoeke. (Anne Skeet is in her grandfather Thomas's will 1546.) Jane Skeete, now testator's servant (his aunt), brother Nyccolas Skeete.

Residuary legatees and executors wife Mary and son Edward Skeete. Overseers, John Burthe, gentleman, Thomas Lyfylde, Esquire—(Lyfield, Thomas, of Stoke Dabernon, Surrey, gentleman, granted by Sir G. Dethick, Garter, 10 May, 20 Eliz.: "Or, on a chevron between three demi-lions rampant gules as many estoiles of the first." Crest: "A dragon's head erased, the front part gules and the back vert, gorged with a coronet or." Some MSS. give "Three trefoils Argent on the chevron, and make the crest a bull's head caboshed Argent charged with three gules de poix" (Add. MS. 26,753; Harl. MSS. I. 359 and I. 441; Stowe MS. 703; "Genealogist," vol. xxi., part 2). There are monuments with arms to this family in Stoke D'Abernon Church)—and Richard Gardener, gentleman. Witnesses, John Grassbame, gentleman, Robert Arnolde, Henry Halle, and Thomas a Deane. Proved 13 March 1578.

Elizabeth.

IV. Edward Skeyte of Leatherhead, Surrey, gentleman, married Audrey Slyfield.

SLYFIELD FAMILY OF SLYFIELD, GREAT BOOKHAM.

They formerly owned a house and estate here which passed by purchase to the Shiers family, who built the existing house, which dates from about 1620. It stands on the banks of the river Mole, and was once a handsome Tudor edifice; it is now much reduced in size and used as a farmhouse, has red brick pilasters, quaint gables and projecting eaves. The rooms are oak panelled, with beautiful wagon-headed plaster ceilings. The stateroom has a famous arabesque ceiling. In the church there is a Slyfield chapel, with many quaint inscriptions. Slyfield Manor is now (1905) the residence of Mr. Edward Gore.

A Johanna Slyfield, widow, was taxed in lands xxx^{li} [26 Hen. VIII. 184/174]. Surrey Lay Subsidies.

1. Thomas Slyfeld married Elizabeth St. John, daughter of Sir Edward St. John, widow of George Brewes, Esq., who died 1433.

Thomas Slyfeld was Knight of the Shire for Surrey 1450, 29 Hen. VI.

[184/75, 6 Hen. VI.] Thomas Slyfelde is taxed xx^d for the iiijth part of one Knight's fee in Little Bookham (Effingham).

2. Thomas Slyfelde of Slyfelde in 1522, married Ann, daughter and coheir of John Weston of Weston, by whom he acquired the manors of West Clandon, Weston and Papworth. [184/143, 15 Hen. VIII.] John Sleafold, gentleman, in lands and tenements xl^{li}, tax xl^s (Great Bookham).—Surrey Lay Subsidies. (Her sister Johanna married John Skyuet.) By whom he had:—

3. 1. Henry, of age in 1507.

3. 2. John, died 21 February 1529.

[184/150, 14 Hen. VIII.] John Slyfeld, in goods xx^s, tax iiij^d (Newdegate).

John Slyfield, gentleman, in lands x^{li}, tax xl^s (Great Bookham).—Surrey Lay Subsidies.

Married Jane, by whom he had:—

4. 1. John, living in 1547.

[184/182, 33-34 Hen. VIII.] John Slyfield, for goods iiij^d (West Clandon).—Surrey Lay Subsidies.

4. 2. Edmond, who died 13 February 1589-90, aged 71. His will, dated 2 December 1589, proved 5 March 1590 (P.C.C., 18, Samberbe), leaves to his wife Elizabeth for life the manor of "Westelaverne," etc. Must have lived at Ripley at one time [185/237, Hen. VIII.] Edward Slyfield, in goods viii^{li}, tax iiij^s (Ripley).

He also mentions the manors of Papworth, Slifeid, and West Clandon, in the parishes of Great Bookham, Fetcham, West Clandon and Seide.

[184/151, 15 Hen. VIII.] Edward Slyfield, goods viij^{li}, tax . . . (Ripley).

[184/183, 33 Hen. VIII.] Edmund Slyfield, for lands xl^s (Great Bookham).

[184/197, 34-35 Hen. VIII.] Edmond Slyfield, for land xl^s (Great Bookham).

[184/203, 36 Hen. VIII.] Edmund Slyfield, xl^s (Great Bookham).

[185/225, 1 Edward VI.] Edmond Slifeide, gentleman, tax for lands lx^s (Great Bookham). (Surrey Lay Subsidies.)

"To son-in-law, Edward Skeete, one shorte cloake, called the Dutche cloke of Black Damaske, furred with squirrell, faced with caliber, and garded with velvet."

"To daughter Audrey, wife of Edward Skeete, after her mother's decease, a silver gilt cruse and cover, and a covered silver jug all gilt; and then to her son John."

Edward Skeete appointed one of the Overseers of his will. He married Elizabeth Lambert, who died 1597, æt. 77. His tombstone says:—

"He toke Elizabeth to wyfe, a dame of famous race.

She of the Pawletts dyd dissend, and Capells in lyke case,

Of Sydneys stocke she was a bravnche, and to the Gaynsfords nye,

Dame nature to the gentell Moyles, and Finches did her tye;

To Arundels, Whites and Lamberts sake by byrthes discent she was."

The will of Elizabeth Slyfeild of Surrey, widow, dated 18 October 1597, mentions daughter Skeete, to have a cloth gown garded with velvet, and a Kirtell of wrought velvet. Edward Skeete, gentleman, a witness. Proved 8 November 1597 (Surrey Arch., Herringman, 156).

They had the following children:—

- (1) Henry, who died in 1598, aged 56. [184/207, 37 Hen. VIII.] Henry Slyfelde, Clarke, viiith (West Clandon).—Surrey Lay Subsidies. He had amongst other children Edmond, who sold his reversions to manors, and Great Bookham. Buried 1 December 1647.
 - (2) Walter, living in 1597. Had daughters Elizabeth and Dennis.
 - (3) William, living 1590.
 - (4) Henry, living 1597.
 - (5) Elizabeth Younge, living 1590.
 - (6) Audrey Skeete, living 1590. Had a son John.
 - (7) . . . Browne, living 1597.
 - (8) . . . Wicliffe, living 1590. Had a son Edmond.
- One other son who died young, and six other daughters.
3. 3. Lawrence Slyfeild, gentleman, died 13 November 1521, buried at Send. Married Alice, by whom he had:—
 4. 1. John of East Clandon, yeoman, will proved 2 June 1587. Father of:—
 - (1) Edmond Slifelde.
 - (2) James of Womersh, will proved 1599. Married Agnes, by whom he had five children.
 - (3) Thomas, living 1587.
 - (4) William, living 1584.
 - (5) John, living 1584, who follows.
 5. John Slyfelde of Byfleet, yeoman, will proved 5 November 1596. Father of:—
 - (1) John of Pirford, yeoman, married Mary. Will proved to September 1640. Father of John, Mary, Jone, Nicholas and Edward. [186/439, 4 Charles I.] John Slifelde, in lands xlb, tax viii^s. Edward Slyfeild, shoemaker of Dorking, made a voluntary gift of 1^s to the King, 6 September 1661. (Surrey Lay Subsidies.)
 - (2) George of Pirford, yeoman, married Susan. Father of George, Henry, John and Anne. Will dated 7 January 1639. Mentions wife Susan Slifeld. Son George to have land in Effingham; son John; daughter Anne Slifeld. Proved 2 April 1640 (Surrey Arch., Harding, 109). [186/451, 16 Charles I.] Widow Slyfeilde 16^s (Pyrford). 6 September 1661, Henry Slyfeild made a voluntary gift of 2^s 6^d to the King; he was a husbandman of Ash. (Surrey Lay Subsidies.)
 - (3) Henry of Horsell, yeoman, married Elizabeth Spougue. Will proved 20 May 1648. Father of Elizabeth and John, both minors in 1648.

[257/30, 15 Charles II.] John Slyfeild, senior, taxed for 3 hearths. John Slyfeild, junr., taxed for 3 hearths. (Pyrford.)

[188/494, 19 February 1672-3.] John Slyfield taxed for 2 hearths (East Clandon).

This account has been taken from Manning and Bray's "Surrey" and vol. v. of the "Proceedings of the Surrey Archæological Society," with some additions of my own.

The pedigree is very different to the one that is from the "Visitation."

On Henry Slyfield's brass in Great Bookham Church there are three coats of arms. The lower part remaining of the dexter has part of a head erased. The sinister coat is: "Quarterly, 1 and 4, Gules, a fess engrailed argent between three saltires or (SLYFIELD of Slyfield, Surrey); 2 and 3, Per chevron argent and sable, three bucks' heads counterchanged, attired or (BUCKFOLD)." The centre shield bears Slyfield impaling Buckfold.

(Surrey Arch. Soc., vol. v., p. 45.)

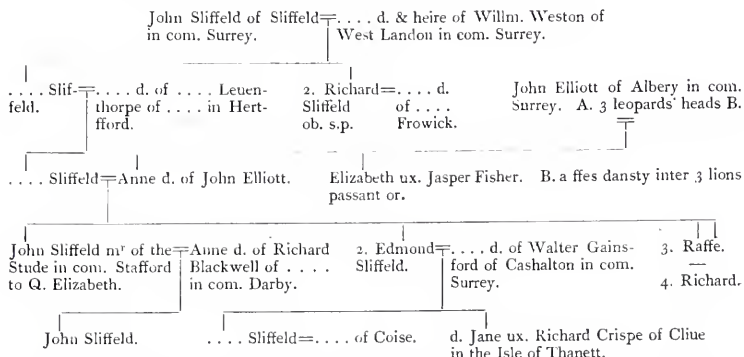
The East Clandon Register shews the family of Slyfield were settled there from before 1561 until 1683, about the same dates as the "Skeet" family.

PEDIGREE OF SLIFFIELD.

[From Harl. 1561, fo. 263.]

ARMS.—*Quarterly: 1, Gules, a fess engrailed argent between three saltires or; 2, Sable, a chevron or between three lions' heads erased argent; 3, Azure, a chevron between three leopards' heads or; 4, [blank].*

CREST.—*A wolf's head proper between two wings argent, gutty de sang.* (The armoury in the appendix gives a "beaver's" head.)



Extract from letter from "Bluemantle," Heralds' College, 3 November 1905: "Slyfield" or "Sliffeld" are not recorded, though doubtless there was old "use."

The will of Edward Skeyte is dated 25 February 1598. Wife Audrey sole executrix. Message and tenements with 33 acres of land, copyhold and freehold, in Bletchingley and Nutfield.

1. Eldest son Edward Skeyte (of whom later).
2. Son Thomas Skeyte.
3. Son Slyfeild Skeyte.
4. (John mentioned in the will of his grandfather Slyfield, perhaps dead by the time his father made his will.)

Six daughters, namely :

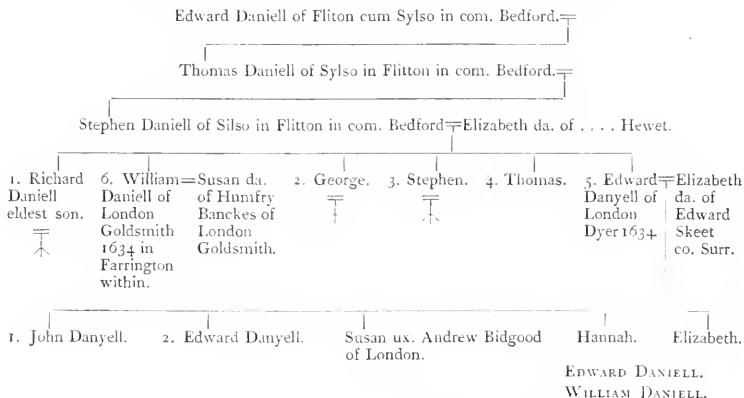
1. Elizabeth. ("Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Skeete, co. Surrey, married Edward Danyell of London, dyer" ("Visitations of London"). "Daniell, Edward, of St. Martin-in-the-Vintry, London, dyer, and Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Skete, late of Lethered, co. Surrey, gentleman, deceased. At St. Bennet, Gracechurch aforesaid, 17 February 1611-12." (London Marriage Licences). See Pedigree of Daniel, "Visitations of London.")

2. Ann. 3. Margaret. 4. Frauncys. 5. Mary. 6. Awdry.

Overseers, brothers-in-law Walter Slyfield, gentleman, Thomas Man* of Kingston-upon-Thames, draper, and cousins John Skeyt of London, draper, and Edward Rogers of Leatherhead, yeoman. Witnesses, John Byrd and Roger ffeylde of Essheir. Proved 9 May 1599 (Surrey Arch., Herringman, 247).

PEDIGREE OF DANIELL.

[From "Visitations of London," published by the Harleian Society.]



* This family is several times mentioned in Skeet wills. Thomas Man of Send, husbandman, in his will dated 22 April 1639, mentions son Thomas Man 10s.; son John Man 10s.; Poor of Send 5s. Wife Joane Man and son George Man executors. Proved 4 May 1640 (Surrey Arch., Harding, 102). Also in Surrey Lay Subsidies—[184 143, 15 Hen. VIII.] John Man in goods xl^s, tax xij^d (Fetcham). Thomas Man in goods xl^s, tax xij^d (Ashsted).

The arms are from the "Visitation of London, 1634," at the Heralds' College, where no colours are given.

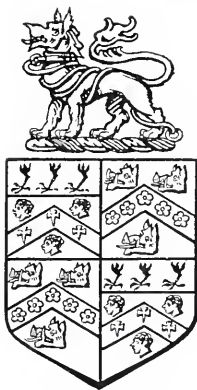


There are some interesting details of the family of Daniell of Suffolk (Catholic Record Society, vol. i.), who bore similar arms.

PEDIGREE OF SANDS.

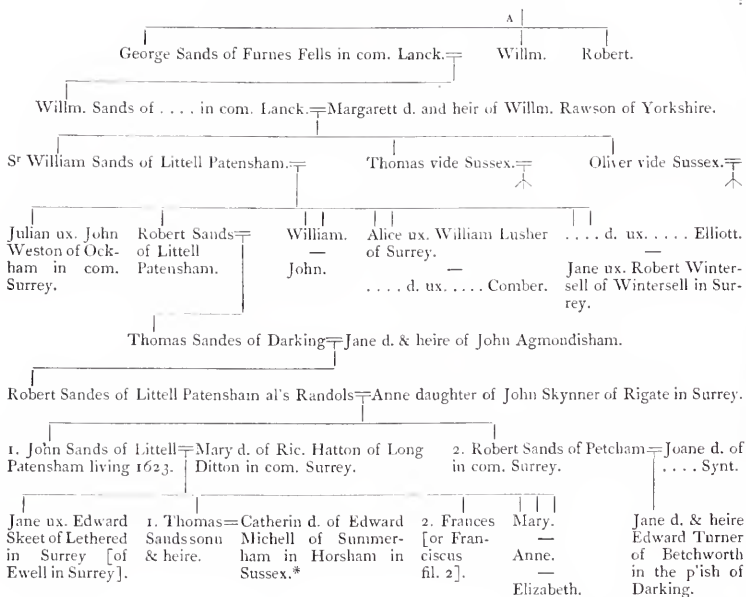
ARMS OF SANDS.—Description by the Herald who prepared the block:—*Quarterly: 1 and 4, Sable, on a chevron between three moors' heads couped or, three crosses patée filchée gules, on a chief argent three birds' legs erased at the thigh of the field; 2 and 3, Argent, on a chevron azure, between three boars' heads couped sable, five cinquefoils or.*

CREST.—*An heraldic tiger statant azure, armed, crined, tufted, collared, and entwined round the body by a cord or.*



[Harl. 1561, fo. 31^b.]

Robert Sands of S^t Bees in Cumberland.==
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"Not subscribed."

From "Visitations of Surrey" (Harleian Society, 1899). The two notes in brackets are from another copy.

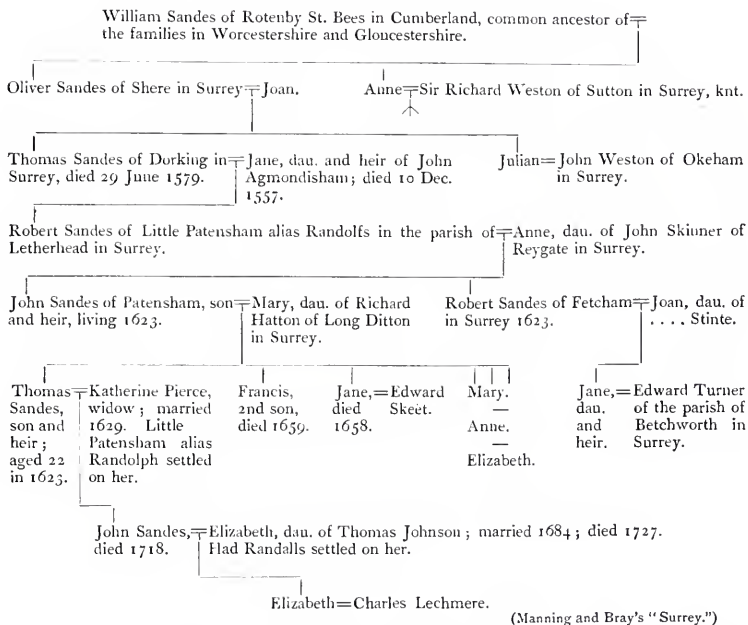
* Note on the Michells of Stamerham, afterwards of Michell Grove, Sussex, by Hugh Penfold, Esq. ("Archæologia Cantiana," vol. v., p. 245. Multon Genealogy): "Robert Moulton of West Aldame (son of John Moulton of Otteford, Esq., who married Phillipe the dau. of one Thomas Pett of Kent in the time of Henry 4) toke to wyffe Johane the doughter of William Michaell of Stameram in Sussex, Esquier, and had issue.

"The Arms ascribed to 'Dominus Michell' in this pedigree (which is copied from the original among the Lambard papers) are as follow, viz., 'Vert, an eagle displayed with two necks Argent within a bordure Or, charged with pomeis.' This I take it was the ancient coat allusive, I presume, to their alleged descent from the ancient Lords of L'Aigle in Normandy. But the coat usually attributed to them is 'Sable, a chevron between three escallop shells Argent.' The chevron is sometimes given as 'Or.'

"Elizabeth, eldest dau. of Sir Richard Shirley of Wiston (died 1540) by his first wife Alma, dau. of John Shelley of Michelgrove, married John Mychell of Stammerham in Horsham. The coat given to this John Mychell in 'Stemmata Shirleana' (2nd edition, p. 246) is 'Sable, a chevron between three escallop shells Argent,' and this, I think, must be the modern coat."

PEDIGREE OF SANDES.

[Given by the late J. C. BROOKE, Esq.]



It is interesting to note how this pedigree varies from the one printed by the Harleian Society. See also "Annals of an Old Manor House," by Frederick Harrison.

James I.—Charles I.

V. Edward Skeete married Jane Sands, a family of considerable importance at Leatherhead at this time, "married by license at St. Saviour's, Southwark, April 1610, Edward Skeete and Jane Sands." ("Genealogist," vol. vii., part 1.)

[184/200, 34-35 Hen. VIII.] Thomas Sandes, gent., tax for his goods xiii^s iiij^d (Leatherhead).

[184/203, 36 Hen. VIII.] Thomas Sandes xx^s (Leatherhead).

[185/226, 37 Hen. VIII.] William Sandes for lands tax vi^s (Ewell).

[186/441, 4 Charles I.] Thomas Sandes, Esq., in lands vi^{li}, tax xxiij^s (Leatherhead). Robert Sands, gent., in lands xx^s, tax iiij^s (Fetcham).

Thos. Sands and Francis Sands were witnesses to the will, dated 24 August 1642, of Charles Howard, Earl of Nottingham, Baron of Effingham.

1643, Thomas Sandes, Esquire, was one of a board of Sequestrators of Royalist lands in Surrey ("Vict. Hist. of Surrey," vol. i., 410).

Edward Skeete the younger sells his lands (from the Feet of Fines).

1620.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the Octave of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 17 James I., Between Edward Rogers, gent., plaintiff, and Edward Skeete, gent., defendant, of eight acres of land with their appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the said Edward Skeete acknowledges the same to belong of right to the said Edward Rogers and his heirs, and warrants the same against the heirs of the said Edward Skeete, and the heirs of Edward Skeete,* deceased, for which the said Edward Rogers has paid £60 sterling. (17 James I., Hilary Term, Bdle. 369.)

1620.

This is the final settlement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the Octave of St. Michael, 17 James I., Between Henry Lucas, plaintiff, and Edward Skeete, gent., defendant, of six acres of land, five acres of meadow, and fourteen acres of pasture, with their appurtenances in Fetcham and Leatherhead, by which the said Edward Skeete acknowledges the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Henry Lucas, as those which the same Henry has of the gift of the aforesaid Edward. And by this acknowledgment the same Henry Lucas gave the aforesaid Edward Skeete £60 sterling. (17 James I., Mich. Term, Bdle. 360.)

1621.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the 15th day after Trinity, 18 James I., Between Edward Rogers, gent., plaintiff, and Edward Skeete, gent., defendant, of nine acres of land with appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the said Edward Skeete acknowledges the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Edward Rogers, as that which the said Edward Rogers has of the gift of the said Edward Skeete, and by this acknowledgement the same Edward Rogers gave the said Edward Skeete £41 sterling. (18 James I., Trinity, Bdle. 361.)

1627.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster the 15th day after St. Martin's day, 2 Charles I., Between Anthony Rowse, Esquire, plaintiff, and Edward Skeete, gent., defendant, of eight acres of meadow with appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the said Edward Skeete acknowledges the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Anthony Rowse, as that which the same Anthony has of the gift of the said Edward Skeete, and by this acknowledgement the same Anthony gave the said Edward Skeete £41 sterling. (2 Charles I., Mich., Bdle. 492.)

1627.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the morrow of St. Martin, 2 Charles I., Between Thomas Carr, gent., plaintiff, and William Hull and Joan his wife, and Edward Skeete, gent., defendants, of one messuage, one barn,

* Edward the elder.

two stables, one garden, one orchard, and one acre of land with appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the said William and Joan Hull and Edward Skeete acknowledge the said lands with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Thomas Carr, as that which the same Thomas has of the gift of the said William, Joan, and Edward, and by this acknowledgement the same Thomas gave the said William, Joan, and Edward £60 sterling. (2 Charles I., Mich., Bdle. 492.)

1627.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the morrow of St. Martin, 2 Charles I., Between Francis Adeane, plaintiff, and Edward Skeet, gent., defendant, of one messuage, one barn, one garden, one orchard, and two acres of land with appurtenances in Fetcham, by which the said Edward Skeete acknowledges the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Francis Adeane, as that which the same Francis has of the gift of the said Edward Skeete, and by this acknowledgement the same Francis gave the said Edward £41 sterling. (2 Charles I., Mich., Bdle. 492.)

1628.

This is the final settlement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster, 15th day after St. Martin's day, 3 Charles I., Between John Skeete,* plaintiff, and Edward Skeete, gent., defendant, of seventeen acres of land, and two and a half acres of meadow with appurtenances in Leatherhead and Fetcham, by which the said Edward Skeete acknowledges the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the said John Skeete, and by this acknowledgement the same John Skeete gave the said Edward Skeete £60 sterling. (3 Charles I., Mich., Bdle. 492.)

1629.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster the 15th day after St. Martin's day, 4 Charles I., Between Thomas Sandes, Esquire, plaintiff, and Edward Skeete, gent., defendant, of eleven acres of pasture with appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the said Edward Skeete acknowledges the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Thomas Sandes, and by this acknowledgement the same Thomas gave the said Edward Skeete £60 sterling. (His brother-in-law. See Sandes pedigree.) (4 Charles I., Mich., Bdle. 492.)

[186/441, 4 Charles I.] Edward Skeete, gent., in lands xl^l, tax viii . . . (Ewell).—Surrey Lay Subsidies.

1637.

This is the first agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the morrow of Holy Trinity, 12 Charles I., Between Andrew Bidgood, plaintiff, and Edward Skeet, gent., and Edward Daniell, defendants, of one messuage, two barns, two stables, two gardens, two orchards, forty acres of land, two acres of meadow, and eight acres of pasture with their appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the said Edward Skeete and Edward Daniell acknowledge the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Andrew Bidgood, as that which the said Andrew has of the gift of the aforesaid Edward Skeete and Edward Daniell, and by this acknowledgement the same Andrew gave Edward Skeete and Edward Daniell £100 sterling. (12 Charles I., Trinity.)

* Probably his cousin, founder of the Effingham branch.

1638.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the morrow of Holy Trinity, 13 Charles I., Between Richard Dalton, plaintiff, and Edward Skeet, gent., defendant, of twenty-four acres of land with appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the said Edward Skeete acknowledges the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Richard Dalton, as that which the said Richard has of the gift of the said Edward, and by this acknowledgement the same Richard gave the said Edward £60 sterling. (13 Charles I., Trinity, Bdle. 494.)

1638.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of our Lord the King at Westminster on the octave of St. Michael, 13 Charles I., Between Edward Daniell, gent., plaintiff, and Edward Skeete, gent., defendant, of twenty acres of land, and two acres of pasture with appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the said Edward Skeete acknowledges the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Edward Daniell, as that which he hath of the gift of the said Edward Skeete, and by this acknowledgement the same Edward Daniell gave the said Edward Skeete £60 sterling. (13 Charles I., Mich., Bdle. 494.)

1639.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of our Lord the King at Westminster on the morrow of the Ascension, 14 Charles I., Between Edward Daniel, plaintiff, and Edward Skeet, gent., defendant, of two messuages, two cottages, four gardens, one orchard, and one acre of land with their appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the said Edward Skeete acknowledges the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the aforesaid Edward Daniel, as that which the said Edward has of the gift of Edward Skeete, and by this acknowledgement the same Edward Daniell gave the aforesaid Edward Skeete £41 sterling. (14 Charles I., Easter, Bdle. 495.)

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS.

Dated 7 January 1636.

Edward Skeete, of Ewell in Surrey, gent., declares that Edward Skeete, deceased, his late father, was lawfully seized to him and his heirs among other things of and in 22 acres of land, pasture and wood with appurtenances lying in Thames Ditton in Surrey, called Skeet's Fields, alias Hincksfields, being all enclosed grounds and truly worth 20 marks yearly to be let, and £4060 (203 score) for selling beside timber trees growing upon the premises worth £100. Petitioner's late father being seized of the premises and in treaty of marriage with Audria Slyfield, daughter of Edmund Slyfield of Slyfield in Surrey, Esq., it was agreed between petitioner's said father and the father of Audria, that in consideration of the said messuage and of a competent sum of money, which petitioner's said father had and received as the marriage portion of the said Audria, he should among other things in due form of law convey and assure the said lands in Thames Ditton to the use of himself for life, and after to the heirs of said father by the same Audria. And in pursuance of the said agreement, petitioner's father about 56 years since did convey the premises to the uses aforesaid. Thereupon shortly after the marriage the said father had issue by the said Audria the petitioner, his eldest son and heir, and had also divers other children by the said Audria, and shortly after died; the petitioner being at the time of his death (1599) but of the age of 7 years, and the said Audria his mother was seized among other things of land and premises in

Thames Ditton for the term of her life, the remainder thereof to petitioner and his heirs. And afterwards about 3 years since Audria also died, after whose decease the petitioner ought to have had possession of all the said lands and premises, and take the rents and profits to his own use. Yet one Roger Feilder, of Esher in Surrey, yeoman, son and heir of Rog^r Feilder, late of Esher, yeoman, deceased, pretending that petitioner's father did in his lifetime make unto Roger the father some long lease of the premises not yet expired, and that the petitioner should make unto the said Roger Feilder some grant or estate in the premises, and by reason thereof the said Roger the son has entered into the premises and taken the rents and profits since the decease of petitioner's mother, and saying also petitioner's father had mortgaged the same, having had various sums of money from the said Roger. Petitioner saith his father did not owe more than £40 at the time of his death, and left a good personal estate of the value of £500 to pay debts and for children's education, and if it had not been sufficient, did appoint lands in Bletchingley and Nutfield in Surrey, worth £20, to be sold for the same purposes, and which were sold accordingly, and came with the personal estate to petitioner's mother as the executrix. The said Roger having cut down timber trees, etc., to the value of £100, and taken away boundaries, Petitioner prays to have his rights established by this court, and that a writ of subpoena be directed to the said Roger Feilder the son, to appear before this court.

The Answer.

The defendant in answer saith that he believeth the said Edward Skeete, father of the complainant, was seized of the land mentioned called Skeete's Fields, enclosed ground containing 24 acres, but denieth that they are of such value. They have been let on leases at £5 per annum and the timber is not worth more than £8, but defendant knoweth not what agreement was made, and also saith that after the decease of the complainant's father, Richard Oxenbridge took to wife the said Audria, and after the marriage by indenture of lease dated 25 April 1614, granted to this defendant the said tenements and grounds, etc., to hold to defendant from the Feast of S. Michael the Archangel 1616, for 21 years (if the said Audria should so long live) for the yearly rent of £16. By virtue of which, said defendant held the premises until about 1624, at which time Alexander Thomas by vertue of some conveyance made of the premises by the said Oxenbridge, before the said lease expired, did enter into the said land and evict defendant from possession and recovered £12 9s. costs. Alexander held it for about 3 years, and then suffered it to lye open to a common adjoining whereby the lands were much impoverished and a coppice utterly spoiled by cattle, and after it had been left so for 3 years, Alexander granted a lease to John Wright by deed, dated 7 December 1627, who in consideration of £7 paid to him by defendant, sold him all the wood growing upon the land to be felled and taken away before the Feast of S. John the Baptist, also on 16th February, 3 Charles I., did grant to defendant the said land for 5 years from S. Michael the Archangel (if Oxenbridge and Audria should so long live) for the yearly rent of £6, and by this defendant hopeth to prove to this court that the complainant at the time of the mortgage and long before was of full age and not a minor as by the bill is pretended. On 7 February 1616, defendant's father by his last will gave the land with appurtenances to John Walter, and shortly after died. The defendant denies having done any of the above said injuries, & prays to be dismissed with reasonable costs in this behalf most wrongfully sustained. (Charles I., S., No. 27.)

9 November 1635.

Edward Skeete, of Ewell in Surrey, gent., about 5 years ago being desirous to place his son Francis Skeete (being then 18 years old) to some Merchant who might instruct and bring him up in the trade of merchandise, and make him free of that profession, therefore had conference to that end with Richard Hilleard of Southampton, merchant, since deceased, who being willing to take an apprentice, the said Francis Skeete was bound to him for 7 years, his father paying Richard Hilleard £60, and in default that the said Richard should give back the money according to the custom of the town. But before the time had expired Richard Hilleard died, making his wife Jane his executrix, who refused to fulfil the custom of making the said Francis over to another master, or refunding the money. Therefore Edward Skeete brought a Bill into this Court, but before it could be carried out the said Jane died possessed of great personal estate, after whose decease Daniel Hersent of Southampton, pretending to be next of kin to Jane and Richard deceased, had several letters of administration granted to him by the P. C. C. of the goods of Jane and Richard Hilleard, & came possessed of said estates by force, but refunded nothing to the said Edward Skeete, saying he had already paid away nearly all the personal estate in fulfilment of debts and would not pay the £60 demanded, whereas there was sufficient to satisfy the debts with a great overplus, the said Daniel having concealed part of the estate. Therefore the petitioner desires that the said Daniel Hersent appear personally in this Court of Chancery to answer all and singular the premises.

The answer of Daniel Hersent of Southampton, dated 26 November 1635. Defendant believeth it to be true that Edward Skeete did place his son Francis apprentice with R. Helliard, and gave a sum of money in respect thereof; but knoweth not the exact sum, or what agreement was made or of any such custom in the Town of Southampton; he also knoweth not how far the said Francis had been instructed in the trade. Richard Helliard died in February 1631, and Jane did not die intestate, but appointed her four children (all minors) executors of her will, with Robert Mason, Esq., Recorder of London, Nathaniel Helliard of Roade, in Somerset, clerk, this defendant, & several other persons overseers. Estate value about £900. Defendant denies having had letters of Administration granted to him; but believeth all books and writings to be in the possession of Nathaniel Helliard or George Gallop. Therefore this defendant is ready to aver and prove at this Honourable Court, and prays to be dismissed with his reasonable costs and charges. (Charles I., S. 89, No. 27.)

With the exception of his son Francis, mentioned in the Chancery Proceedings, I have been unable to find any trace of the descendants of Edward Skeete amongst the Surrey Wills and Registers, except the will of Jane Skeete of Beddington, co. Surrey, widow, dated 9 Dec. 1645, mentions daughter Barbara and son Thomas. Witnesses, John Pope, John Tegge, and George Shalcross. Proved 15 Sept. 1647 (Surrey Arch., Harding, 460). There is but little doubt from the facts of the sale of their lands, the coincidence of dates, and the names of their relations by marriage, the Turners, that they founded the family of Skeet in the Island of Barbadoes. This Island was first settled in by an English Colony under Sir William Courteen, Merchant of London in 1624. In 1650 Reynold Alleyne (4th son of Richard Alleyne, Rector of Stowing in Kent, who died in 1651) was one of the first adventurers in the settlement of the Island of Barbadoes, and acquired a considerable estate there, the principal residence on which was by him named "Mount Alleyne." He married Mary, daughter of . . . Skeet, who afterwards married . . . Turner of the three houses in the thickets, by whom he had two sons

and a daughter Mary, wife of . . . Rowse of the Clift. In 1667 Reynold Skeet married Margaret, daughter of William Culpeper by Margaret, daughter of Richard Alleyne, D.D. (Sussex Arch. Society, 1905). The Alleynes and Skeets intermarried several times. The former were created Barons March 20th, 1769. They bore: "Party per chevron gules and argentine, two lions' heads erased or, in chief; quartering GAY, SPICE, TURNER." Crest: "From a ducal coronet an horse's head issuing argent." "Non tua te sed publica rota."

We do not hear of Edward Skeete after 1635, when he had sold his property—he was dead before 1647—nor does he appear to have left any will. It would seem most probable that after providing his eldest son with money to go to the Barbadoes, and for his wife and other children, that he may have been slain fighting for Charles the First.

He was evidently "missing" at the time of the Parliamentary Survey of Church Lands, 649—1658. Survey of Leatherhead: "one piece of arable land in lower hills abutting on . . ., and lands now or late of Ed^d Skitt towards the west, one other piece of arable land lying in Lyne H^o Bush Hill abutting on lands of E^d Skitt towards S. & E., one other small piece of meadow called Parsonage Meadow . . . abutting on lands of Edward Skeyte towards the S."

Mary and Elizabeth.

III. Nicholas Skeete of Pattersham in the parish of Leatherhead, yeoman, is mentioned in the wills of his father Thomas, and of his brothers Edward and Thomas; also under the Act, 5 Eliz., cap. 13, by which three entire subsidies given to the Crown "because of the issant and mighty forces for some yeares past brought against the realm," 2s. 8d. in the pound from subjects having £3 and more in personalty, 4s. in the pound on lands of 20s. per annum and upwards.

"Nicholas Skeyt in goods viij^s iiii^d." (Surrey Lay Subsidies.)

Will dated 23 Jan. 1599. To be buried in the churchyard of Leatherhead. Mentions—

1. Son Richard, of whom later.

2. Son John.

1. Daughter Elnor (probably married to . . . Buckwell by 1619, with a son Nicholas. See David's will).

Residue to wife Agnes (*née* Eversed)* and son Richard, executors. Overseers, John Sandes, gent., John Eversed, brother-in-law. Witness, John Alingham.

Proved 21 March 1599 (Surrey Arch., Herringman, fo. 282).

James I.

IV. Richard Skeete of Pattersham in Leatherhead, yeoman, mentioned in his father's will in 1599 as executor. Will dated 9 Aug. 1632. To be buried in the churchyard of Leatherhead. Mentions—

1. Eldest son Richard Skeete, of whom later.

2. Son John Skeete, "the £10 bequeathed to him by his uncle Davie Skeete" (his cousin). This son, of whom later, founded the Effingham branch. (In cousin David's will in 1619.)

1. Mercy, mentioned in the will of her cousin David in 1619, probably dead by 1632.

2. Daughter Ursula Downe. (In the will of cousin David, 1619.)

3. Daughter Sara Steevens. (In the will of cousin David, 1619.)

4. Daughter Elizabeth Skeete. (In the will of cousin David, 1619.)

5. Youngest daughter Agnes (Arnold).

* Perhaps the same lady as is mentioned in the diary of the Surrey Justice, Bostock Fuller, Esq.: "Marche 1613.

I made a warrant upon a supplicant versus Agnetem Skite adds, Tho. Mathew 7^o die. I sent her to the goale, but Tho. Mathew did there agree with her & release her ut patet per literas."

Son-in-law Thomas Arnold. Wife Mercy Skeete, sole executrix. Overseers, Mr. Francis Sandy and cousin John Skeete (son of William or Thomas). Proved 9 July 1635 (Surrey Arch., Farmer, fo. 282).

[186/441, 4 Charles I.] Richard Skeete in lands xx^s, tax iiii^s (Leatherhead). For descendants see Skeet of Effingham.

Charles I.

V. Richard Skeete. It is rather difficult to assort the different Richard Skeets of Leatherhead living in the early half of the seventeenth century. They were:—

- (1) Richard, eldest son of IV. Richard; born before 1619.
- (2) Richard, youngest son of William in 1618, but would be older than the preceding.
- (3) Richard, son of John of Effingham; nephew of (1).

I think the two extracts that follow apply to (1) Richard, and that he and his nephew both had wives named Mary. He does not appear to have left any issue, nor is his will to be found.

"1642. From the Feet of Fines. This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the Octave of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 17 Charles I., Between Francis Gerard, gent., plaintiff, and Richard Skete and Mary his wife defendants, of two acres of land and five acres of pasture with appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the said Richard and Mary acknowledge the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the aforesaid Francis Gerard as that which the same Francis has of the gift of Richard and Mary Skeete, and by this acknowledgement the same Francis Gerard gave the aforesaid Richard and Mary Skeete £41 sterling." (17 Charles I., Hilary, Bdle. 495.)

"1645. This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the morrow of St. Martin's day, 21 Charles I., Between Anthony Price, plaintiff, and Richard Skeete, defendant, of one messuage and thirteen acres of land with appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the aforesaid Richard Skeete acknowledges the same land with appurtenances to be the right of Anthony Price, and by this acknowledgement the same Anthony gave the aforesaid Richard £60 sterling."

(21 Charles I., Mich. Term, Bdle. 496.)

1662. Mary Skeet, buried ye 16th day of January (Leatherhead Register). Perhaps his daughter.

1664. Goody Skeet was buried ye 18th day of June (Leatherhead Register). Perhaps his widow.

Henry VIII.

II. John Skete, of Leatherhead in Surrey, mentioned in Lay Subsidies [184/150, 14 Hen. VIII.] John Skete in goods lx^s, tax xviii^d (Leatherhead). John Skete in goods xl^s, tax 12^d (Little Bookham), probably eldest of the "filiorum meorum" of Richard Skete in 1491. Will dated 12 July 1536. To be buried in the churchyard of Leatherhead. Mentions:—

1. Son Robert Skete.
2. Son John Skete. The following from Surrey Lay Subsidies may apply to this John Skete.
[185/237, 6 Hen. VIII.] John Skeete for goods xl^s, tax xiii^d (Worplesdon).
[184/199, 34-35 Hen. VIII.] John Skete tax for goods j^d (Churt).
3. Son Thomas Skete, house in the town of Leatherhead, when he is 21 years of age.

1. Daughter Agnes Skete.

2. Daughter Johan Skete.

3. Daughter Mary Skete.

Godson John Russell of Leatherhead.

Residue to Elene Skete, wife, sole executrix.

Witnesses, Robert Russell, vicar, Gerry Dekon, and William Russell. Proved 25 September 1536. (Surrey Arch., Heats., 168a.)

Clemente Skete of Leatherhead, Surrey, widow. Nuncupative will dated 21 October 1607. Brother Nicholas Man, of Chesington. Witnesses, goodwife Cridle and widow Francis Terrell. Proved 27 October 1607. (Surrey Arch., Herringman, f. 623.) Probably widow of one of the above sons.

James I.

IV. William Skeete of Leatherhead, Surrey, husbandman, probably a grandson of John whose will was proved in 1536, and son of one of the sons mentioned therein. Will dated 11 August 1618. To be buried in Leatherhead churchyard. Mentions:—

1. Eldest son Robert, messuage and tenement in Leatherhead with land belonging.

2. Youngest son Richard (of whom later).

1. Daughter Joane. Son-in-law George Wood, my now dwelling house.

Overseers, brothers-in-law William Kinge* and Robert Borrodell. Residue to Robert Skeete, executor. Proved 12 September 1618. (Surrey Arch., Peter, f. 60.)

V. Richard Skeete. ["2 Aprilis 1687. Richard Skeete of Letherhed, wheelwright, widower, 45, and Dorothy Johnson of Letherhed, widow, 45; at Lethered."†] Probably the father of the two brothers, (1) John and (2) Richard, who follow:—

VI. (1) John Skeete of Ashsted in Surrey, cornchandler. ["15 Octobris 1689. John Skeete of Fetcham, bachelor, 45, and Amy Parish of Cobham, spinster, 40; at Thames Ditton. 'At their owne dispose' (*sic*). Alleged by Richard Skeete of Thames Ditton, wharfinger."†] Will dated 27 June 1707. Wife Amey, a copyhold messuage or tenement called Chappell House in the Parish of Fetcham, for her life, and after her death the same to Nephew and Niece Edward Young and Marcey Gillett, wife of Thomas Gillett of Headley, husbandman, and to Elizabeth Young, son and daughters of Edward Young of Emsworth in Warlington, co. Southampton, husbandman. Brother Richard Skeete of Long Ditton, wheelwright, all copyhold lands, and tenements held of the Manor of Pattersham, and Leatherhead for his life, and after his death the same to niece Elizabeth Young, wife of the said Edward Young, and daughter of the said Richard Skeet. Brother Richard Skeete residuary legatee and executor. Witnesses, John Blundell, Robert Ragge, and Ph. Dacres. Proved 20 January 1708-9 by Richard Skeete, brother and executor. A small seal is attached bearing the arms of Dacres ("Gules, three escallops argent, two and one"), belonging to a witness of the name no doubt. He is perhaps the same as 257/28, 1661. By act of Parliament free and voluntary gifts to the King (Ewell) John Skeet, miller, subscribed 5s.

Amey Skeet of Ashstead in Surrey, widow. Will dated 14 November 1717. Mentions: Sister Susanna Long, wife of Henry Long of Pen in Buckingham. Nephew James Parish of Leatherhead, husbandman. Nephew Thomas Parish of Leatherhead, husbandman. Niece

* Will of John Kinge of Walton-upon-Thames, Surrey, dated 15 Dec., 45 Eliz., mentions godson John Skeet, one sheep. Proved 17 Feb. 1602 (Surrey Arch., Herringman, 385).

† Allegations for Marriage Licences issued by the Commissary Court of Surrey between 1673 and 1770.

Susanna Hobbs, wife of Richard Hobbs of Pen, husbandman. Nephew Thomas Long. Niece Sarah Long of Pen. Executor, Nephew James Parish. Witnesses, Thomas Rushin, John Watkins, and Tim. Conniers. Proved 24 September 1722. (Surrey Arch., 1722, fol. 35.)

1708 John Skeet of ye Parish of Ashted in this County was buried December 31

1721 Amy Skeet of ye Parish of Ashted in this county was buried February 11.

(Leatherhead Register.)

Charles II.

VI. (2) Richard Skeet of Leatherhead, married Elizabeth. The following extracts are from the Leatherhead Register, which commences Baptismal 1626; Marriage 1690; Burial 1656.

Baptisms.

1667 1. Mary Skeet the daughter of Richard Skeet, baptized the 5th day of January.

1669 1. Richard Skeet the son of Richard, baptized ye 2nd day of March (see later).

1672 2. (Elizabeth?) ye daughter of Richard Skeet was baptized ye 19th of S^{ber}.

Burials.

1675 Elizabeth ye wife Rich. Skeet, Junr. was buried Apr^l 3d.

1691 Richard Skeet ye son of Richard Skeet was buried November 8th.

The following extract from the Feet of Fines refers to him:—

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the second anniversary of the accession of Queen Anne. Between Richard Skeete and Robert Ragge, plaintiffs, and Robert Wood Jun., and Frances his wife, defendants, of one messuage, one barn, one stable, one garden, one orchard, and two acres of land with appurtenances in Leatherhead, by which the said defendants acknowledge the said lands with appurtenances to be the right of the said plaintiffs, and by this acknowledgement the same plaintiffs gave the aforesaid defendant £60 sterling. (2 Anne, Mich. Term.)

Had issue:—

1. Richard, as above.

1. Mary, as above.

2. Elizabeth, as above; also mentioned in 1707 as the wife of Edward Young.

Henry VIII.

II. Richard Skete is mentioned in the Lay Subsidies.

[184/188, 34-35 Hen. VIII.] Richard Skete in goods c^s, tax xx^d (Leatherhead).

[185/225, 1 Edward VI.] Richard Skite, tax for goods iii^s iiij^d (Headley*).

Probably the father of—

Elizabeth.

III. (1) William Skeete of Pattersham in the Parish of Leatherhead. Will dated 2 March 1599, to be buried in the churchyard of Leatherhead.

1. Son John Skete all lands in the parish of Horsell,† after the decease of wife Jone, also house and land in Pattersham (mentioned in Uncle Walter's will).

* Three miles south-east of Leatherhead.

† Horsell St. Mary, a parish in the union of Chertsey, 4½ miles N.N.W. from Ripley. The name does not appear in the Horsell Church Register.

1. Daughter Jane (wife of Henrie Lucas in Uncle Walter's will).

2. Daughter Jone (wife of Henrie Nice in Uncle Walter's will).

Residue to wife Jone, sole executrix.

Overseers, John Sandes, gent., and brother Davide Skeet. God-daughter Elnor Skeet (perhaps the daughter of his cousin Nicholas). Witness, Thomas Eedsee.

Proved 21 March 1599. (Surrey Arch., Herringman, f. 282.)

William Skeete of Leatherhead in Surrey, husbandman, cousin to Richard, follows in the Feet of Fines.

1571 This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the Octave of S. Michael, 13 Elizabeth, Between Richard Skyte and William Skyte, plaintiffs, and Thomas Lyfelde, Esqr., and Frances his wife, defendants, of one messuage, and one acre of land with appurtenances in Leatherhead, which the said Thomas and Frances acknowledge to belong of right to the said Richard and William Skyte who have paid for the same £40. (13-14 Eliz., Mich. Term, Bdle. 225.)

The following extract from Manning and Bray's "History of Surrey" refers to the above:—

"By what means any part of the Manor of Letherhead came to the Haleighwells of Stoke Dabernon is not known, but part of it must have done, and passed by the daughter and heir of that family who married Edward, Lord Bray, for he was in possession. His son John dying without issue in his mother's lifetime, her six daughters became coheirs; of these, Frances married Thomas Lyfelde, Esq., and on partition she had amongst others the Stoke Dabernon estate, and the Manor of Letherhead, or a part of it, for they by Deed, 10th Sept. 14 Eliz. 1572, granted to William Skyte of Letherhead, a messuage, and one acre of land called Manfelde acre, on which the house is built, and to his heirs under the rent of one penny at Michaelmas, and on death of every tenant dying seized thereof, and on every alienation, two fat capons in the name of a heriot, and doing fealty and suit of court to their Manor of Letherhead yearly for ever."

Elizabeth.

III. (2) Walter Skeite of Mickleham, Surrey, yeoman. Will dated 20 January 1618. Brother Davie Skeite. Cousin Joane Nice, wife of Mr. Henry Nice. Cousin John Skeite, son of brother William Skeite. Residue to cousin Henrie Lucas of Mickleham, yeoman, and Jane (probably daughter of II. Thomas Skyte) his wife, executors. Overseers, Mr. Moyeses Wall, minister, and my brother Edward Deane of Leatherhead, yeoman. Witness, John Stilwell. Proved 17 October 1620. (Surrey Arch., Peter, 177.)

Elizabeth.

III. (3) David Skeete of Pattersham in Leatherhead, in Surrey, in his brother's will above, husbandman.* Will dated 16 April 1619. To be buried in Letherhead churchyard. Cousin Richard Skeete (son of Nicholas) and his four daughters, Mercy, Ursula, Sara, and Elizabeth Skeete. John Skeete son of said Richard. Cousin David Skeete and his son John Skeete of Horsham, my godson. John eldest son of John Skeete (of E. Clandon and Chobham). Nicholas Buckwell, son of Cousin Ellanor Buckwell. Francis

* At this time husbandman meant householder, nothing to do with husbandry.

Man's son of Oxshott, my godson. Garret Lambert servant to cousin Richard Skéet, cousin William Turner's children, namely James, Catherine, and Joane Turner. Mercye, wife of cousin Richard Skeete. Residue to kinsman Richard Skeete, sole executor. Overseers, cousin John Skeet the younger, and John Allingham of Pattersham. Witness, John Saundes. Proved 27 April 1619. (Surrey Arch., Stoughton, f. 316.)

SKEET OF EFFINGHAM.

(Descended from IV. Richard of Leatherhead.)

This branch of the Family was founded by John Skeet, second son of Richard of Pattersham.

EFFINGHAM AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD.

The reader will perhaps find the following short notes on Effingham and the surrounding villages of assistance in following the migration of the family from Leatherhead.

Effingham on the upper London road, between Guildford and Leatherhead, $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles S.W. from the latter. It is a hundred of Surrey. The parish contains 3183 acres, bounded by Great Bookham on the north, Ockham and West Horsley on the west, Leatherhead on the east, Dorking on the south.

The church is dedicated to St. Laurence.

Population, 41 Geo. III., 379; houses, 61.

It confers the title of Earl on a branch of the Howard family.

The manors are Effingham-la-Leigh, Effingham, and East Court.

The Howard family acquired the Manor of Effingham by grant to Lord William Howard in 1551, Lord High Admiral of England; created Baron Howard of Effingham 1553; buried at Reigate 1572. His granddaughter Elizabeth married John Mordaunt, Earl of Peterboro', she endeavoured to disinherit her son Henry for espousing the Royal Cause. Colonel Thomas Howard of Great Bookham was slain at Preston Moor 1643, fighting for the King. (Surrey Archaeological Society's Transactions, vol. ix.)

Great Bookham on the road from Leatherhead to Guildford contains 3223 acres, it adjoins Fetcham on the east, Little Bookham on the west, Stoke D'Abernon on the north. In this parish was situate Eastwick House, seat of the Earls of Effingham, and Slyfield House. The manor and house of Polesden was sold to the Moore family in 1722. The church of St. Nicholas contains many monuments to the families of Howard of Effingham, Moore, and Slyfield who have their own chancel.

Population, 41 Geo. III., 587; houses, 104.

Little Bookham has Great Bookham on the east, East Horsley on the west, Cobham on the north, and Dorking on the south. In the church there is a monument to the Nettlefield family.

Population, 41 Geo. III., 119; houses, 20.

Stoke D'Abernon, 3 miles N.W. from Leatherhead, adjoins Leatherhead on the east, Cobham on the west and north, Great Bookham on the south, and Cobham on the east and

north, Ockham on the west, and Little Bookham on the south. The manor at one time belonged to Thomas Page, Esq. The church of St. Mary contains monuments to the families of Carter and Cooper.

Population, 41 Geo. III., 290; houses, 42.

East Horsley on the road between Epsom and Guildford, has Effingham on the east, West Horsley and Wisley on the west, Ockham and Cobham on the north, Shere and Abinger on the south. The manor was held 2 Eliz. by John Agmondesham with John White.

Population, 41 Geo. III., 223; houses, 31.

West Horsley is 5 miles N.E. from Guildford and 6 miles S.W. from Leatherhead, adjoins East Horsley on the east, East Clandon on the west, Ockham and Ripley on the north, Shere on the south. Area, 2672 acres. West Horsley Place is still the seat of the Westons and contains family portraits; they own also the manor of West Horsley. The church of St. Mary contains a mortuary chapel belonging to the manor house.

Population, 41 Geo. III., 495; houses, 98.

East Clandon is bounded by West Horsley on the east, by West Clandon on the west, by Send on the north, and Shere on the south. Acreage 1444. The church is dedicated to St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Population, 41 Geo. III., 260; houses, 36.

West Clandon is bounded on the east by East Clandon, Merrow on the west, Send on the north, and Albury on the south. Clandon house, formerly belonging to the Westons,* was sold by Sir Richard Weston to Sir Richard Onslow. The manor formerly belonged to the families of Weston and Slyfield, the latter of whom were patrons of the living, and several times Rectors. The church is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. Area 1006 acres.

Population, 41 Geo. III., 234; houses, 39.

Send is bounded partly on the west and north by the river Wey, Ockham on the east, West Clandon on the south-west, Pyrford and Woking on the north, East Clandon and West Horsley on the south. Ripley was formerly a chapelry of Send. The manor of Papworth formerly belonged to the Westons and Slyfields. Area, 5139 acres. Church dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin. Amongst the benefactors is Dame Anne Haynes.

Population, 41 Geo. III., 1024; houses, 191.

Wisley runs south to north, cutting Ockham asunder, Ockham and East and West Horsley on the east, Ockham and Byfleet on the west, East Horsley on the south. There is an ancient Norman Church. Area, 1090 acres. Sir Robert Parkhurst, son of Sir Robert Parkhurst, Lord Mayor of London, was Lord of the Manor in 1640.

Population, 41 Geo. III., 101; houses, 16.

Ockham, a village and parish near the river Wey, contains 2907 acres, lies between East Horsley, Wisley and Cobham on the east, Send on the west, Pyrford on the other side of the Wey to the north-east, West Horsley and East Clandon on the south. The family of Weston formerly had a park and mansion house here, which passed by purchase to Lord King.

Population, 41 Geo. III., 437; houses, 92.

* The Catholic family of Sutton, not the same as that of West Horsley.

Pyrford, 1891 acres in 1801 had 33 houses and 230 inhabitants, lies six miles below Guildford, bounded by the river Wey on the east, Chertsey on the north, Woking and Send on the west and south. The manor came to Robert Parkhurst soon after 1619, and remained in his family until 1674.

Byfleet, near the river Wey, contains 2075 acres, is bounded by Pyrford and Wisley on the west, Weybridge on the north, Wisley, East Horsley and Ockham on the south.

In 1801 contained 79 houses, 362 inhabitants.

Addlestone contains 5000 acres, formerly a hamlet attached to Chertsey includes New Haw Farm, now the residence of Frank Holme Sumner, Esq.

Weybridge on the river Wey, has an acreage of 1371, is north of Byfleet.

Chertsey contains nearly 11,000 acres, is bounded by the Thames and Weybridge on the east, Thorp and Chobham on the west, Egham and the Thames on the north, Chobham and Byfleet on the south. "Ham, once a mansion of consequence belonging to a family of that name, has long been reduced to the state of a farm-house, lies next Weybridge."

(Collated from Manning and Bray's "History of Surrey.")

Charles I. & II.

V. John Skeet of Effingham, Surrey, yeoman.

[257/28, 1661.] By Act of Parliament for free and voluntary gifts to the King, 6th September 1661, subscribed 10s.

Will dated 17 September 1670. He mentions:—

1. Son Richard (of whom later).

Grandchild, Mary Skeet the daughter of son Richard.

„ William Skeet the child „ „

„ Richard „ „ „ „

„ Sarah „ „ „ „

2. Son William (of Ewhurst), of whom later.

Grandchild, William.

„ John.

„ Richard.

„ . . . the daughter of Son William Skeet.

1. Daughter Anne, the wife of William Dill of Chenies in Buckingham.

2. Grandchild John Martyr, son of Thomas Martyr of Effingham.

Cousin Anne Ware.

Overseers, Mr. James Budd, clerk, rector of West Horsley, and John Lucas of Mickleham, yeoman.

Witnesses, Francis Hill and Jane Weale. Proved 14 October 1671.

(1671 Surrey Arch., fo. 27.)

John Skeete and Thomas Glerall chosen way wardens for Effingham, 1655.

(1565-1664 Vol. 9, Surrey Arch. Soc.)

Burial 25 August 1671, John Skeet (Effingham Parish Register).

SKEET OF EWHURST.

(Descended from William, second son of John V. of Effingham.)

Charles II.

VI. William Skeet the elder of Ewhurst. Will dated 28 December 1693; to be buried in the churchyard of Ewhurst. Mentions:—

1. Son Richard (of whom later), (in his grandfather's will in 1670).

2. Son William (in grandfather's will in 1670).

3. Son John (in grandfather's will in 1670).

Sons William and John residuary legatees and executors.

1. Daughter Francis Skeet (married Thomas Michell, had a son William in his cousin William Skeet's will).

2. Daughter Anne (probably married Robert Westbrooke of Send, see under that name).

Residue to be equally divided between wife Frances and sons William and John.

A small seal is attached to the will on which there is a three-masted ship in full sail.

Commissary Court of Surrey. Original will 1704.

Had issue:—

VII. (1) William Skeete of the parish of Ewhurst in the County of Surrey, farmer, mentions in his will, dated 2 February 1732, Sister Francis, now wife of Thomas Michell, £5. Brother-in-law Jno. Hill, 1s. Nephew John Michell, son of sister Francis, £10. Servant Ann Wheeler. Nephew William Michell, son of sister Francis, sole executor. Witnesses, William Hayne, John Michell, and Jane Michell. He says in his will he was well stricken in years. Proved 10 October 1734 (Arch. Surrey, October 1734).

George II.

VII. (2) Richard Skeet lived at Epsom, but buried at Effingham, as the following extract from the register there shews, "Buried Richard Skeet of Epsom, November 28, 1718." Administration of his will was granted 15 Dec. 1718 to Catherine Skeet, relict of Richard Skeet, late of Ebisham (the ancient name for Epsom); gives no further particulars. He must have been father of:—

VIII. William, who made a will, dated 11 Feb. 1720-21, in which he describes himself as of Ebisham, mentions aunt Frances Michell, uncles William and John, aunt Hill. House and property at Great Bookham, Surrey, to mother Catherine. Proved 17 May 1721 (Surrey Arch.).

Buried William Skeet of Epsom, April 28, 1721 (Effingham Register).

WESTBROOK OF SURREY.

Arms.—"Quarterly: 1, Gules, a leopard's head jessant-de-lis or (WESTBROOKE); 2, Sable, a fesse dancettée or, between three fishes naiant argent (WESTBROOKE); 3 and 4, [blank]." (Harl. 1561, fo. 6^b.)

Wm Westbrook=Margaret, d. of Henery Norbridg.
of Godleming. and his coheire. s.p.

WARNER of Sheppy. Arms: "Argent, a chevron gules between three mullets sable." This coat is impaled by WESTBROOKE. (Harl. MS. 1046; "Visitations of Surrey," Harleian Society, 1899.)

Robert Westbrook was buried July 25, 1700 (Send Register); probably father of "Robert Westbrook of Send, wheelwright, and Ann Skeet of East Clandon, were married at Wisley 25 September 1705." The only Ann Skeet I have been able to find to correspond is Anne, daughter of William of Ewhurst, mentioned in his will in 1693, but not in her grandfather's will in 1671, proving she was born after that date. She would probably have been rather under thirty at the time of her marriage, and would have returned to the neighbourhood of Effingham as others of her family have done. She was buried in 1719, which accounts for her not being in her nephew William's will in 1720-21. They had issue—

1. Robert, the son of Robert Westbrook, wheeler, Bapt. April 24, 1707. (Send Register.)

Robert, son of Robert Westbrook of Send Marsh, was buried April 4, 1718. (*Ibid.*)

2. John, ye son of Robert Westbrook, wheelwright, was baptized June 22, 1711. (*Ibid.*)

1. Ann, daughter of Robert Westbrook, Wheelwright, Bapt. Feb. 4, 1708. (*Ibid.*)

2. Mary, daughter of Robert Westbrook, wheelwright, Buried here July ye 16th, 1718. (*Ibid.*)

Robert Westbrook, wheeler, late of Send Marsh, was buried March 31st, 1719. Anne, widow of Robert Westbrook aforesaid, was buried Aprl. 13th, 1719.

Other entries in Register at Send:—

Baptisms.

John, ye son of John Westbrook, was baptized November 28, 1708.

May, daughter of William Westbrook, a lawyer, Baptized May 14, 1713.

Mary, daughter of William Westbrook, wheeler, was baptized April 12, 1716.

Sarah, daughter of William Westbrook, Law, Bapt. Octob. 5th, 1716.

Marriages.

William Gunner and Ann Westbrook, both of ye parish of Sende, Sept. 19, 1700.

Robert Pantling,* Husbandman, and Joan Westbrook, Spinster, Jan. 29, 1704.

William Westbrook, Ann Garment, of this parish, was married October ye 4th by license at Send Church 1748.

Burials.

Joane Westbrook, a widow, age Fourscore and six or seven, Buried Novmb. 17th, 1718.

Johanna Westbrook, widdow of Robert Westbrook, Senr., was buried Sept. 19th, 1722.

John Westbrook, a yeoman, aged 78, was buried here April 11th, 1730.

William Westbrook's child, buried November 30th, 1740.

The widow Westbrook's child, buried August 31, 1741.

William Westbrook was buried the clerk Jan. 24th, 1746.

Charles II.

VI. Richard Skeet of Effingham and Leatherhead. Resided at Leatherhead until his father's death in 1670, as the following extracts shew. Had they referred to Richard V. of Leatherhead, we should have found his burial recorded in the Leatherhead Register. He must have died before its commencement in 1656.

[257/28, 1661] By Act of Parliament, free and voluntary gifts to the King. Richard Skeet of Pattersham, 2^s 6^d (Leatherhead).

* When Henry Francis Skeet of Hull visited Ripley in 1836 he was introduced to a Mr. Westbrook by one Jasper Pantling, who told him he was descended from Ann Skeet of East Clandon, and that through this marriage he was related to Bodily Skeet (Robert, son of William the weaver).

1676.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster, three weeks after Easter day, 28 Charles II. Between Richard Skeet, plaintiff, and William Skeet and Frances his wife, defendants (see I. William of Ewhurst, his brother), of one messuage, one garden, two orchards, and one acre of land with their appurtenances in Pattersham in Leatherhead, by which the aforesaid William and Frances Skeet acknowledge the aforesaid land with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Richard Skeet, and by this acknowledgement, the same Richard gave the aforesaid William and Frances Skeet, £100 sterling. (28 Charles II., Easter Term, Bdle. 733.)

The following reference to him is from the Chancery Proceedings. The answer of Bryen, Viscount Cullen, to the bill of complaint of Richard Skeat, Nicholas Knott, and James Arnold the younger, Overseers of the poor of Leatherhead, Surrey, dated 27 February 1662-3. Defendant sayeth that Charles Howard, deceased, was seized of the messuage and lands in the bill mentioned, and by will bequeathed a legacy of £5 per annum to the poor therein named, and that after his decease, Mary his wife being seized of the said house and land paid the said annual rent for ten years, and that after her death the same property descended to Charles Cokaine, defendant's father, and that he never paid the annuity or any part thereof, nor has defendant, since the lands came to him, and he hath sold the lands to Anthony Taylor who ought to pay the £50 arrears; for £50 of the purchase money was not paid for that reason, by deed dated 4 June 1662, under a penalty of £100, for neglect of so doing. (Chancery Bills and Answers, Bridges, 421/216.)

Will of Richard Skeete of Effingham, Surrey, yeoman, is dated 18th February 1677; to be buried in the churchyard of Effingham. Mentions:—

1. To son John Skeete, freehold lands and tenements in West Horsley (of whom later).
2. Son Richard Skeete, two tenements in Leatherhead, in the occupation of Miles Neeler, James White, and Anthony White. His name occurs in the Vestry Accounts at Great Bookham, from 1710 to 1714.

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The Will of Richard Skeat of Effingham, Surrey, yeoman, is dated 11 April 1724. All the messuage or tenement, houses, edifices, orchards, lands, etc., in the parish of Leatherhead, now in the tenure of John Porter, and also one house with land containing one acre in Leatherhead in the tenure of widow Jeale, unto

Brother William for life, and at his death to Nephew Richard, Nephew Isaac, and their heirs for ever.

Sister Mary, wife of James Lucas, and her children John, James, Anna and Mary. Nephew John Skeete.

Residuary legatee and executor, Brother William Skeete. Witnesses, James Martten, William Fox and William Peler. Proved 26 October 1725 (Arch. Surrey, 1722-5, folio 443).

Richard Skeete of Effingham, freeholder in Leatherhead, voted for Sir R. Onslow and Sir W. Scawen (Poll for Knights of the Shire for Surrey in 1705, from list of Freeholders. British Museum).

3. To son William Skeete a tenement, house and land in Pattersham in Leatherhead, in the occupation of Joseph Bull, also £100 when he is 21.

Will of William Skeet of Effingham, yeoman, dated 6 October 1727, Bequeaths unto William Skeet of Ockham in Surrey, his kinsman, a house with orchard and premises

belonging, situated in Pattersham in Leatherhead, then in the tenure of Widow Scarlett, Kinsman Richard Skeet, £10. The children of James Lucas, namely, to John Lucas, £5, James Lucas, £5, Anna Lucas, £5, and Mary Lucas, £5, all to be paid within six months after the death of testator. To kinswoman Anne Feilder, a gold ring. 20s to be given to the poor of Effingham in bread. Residuary legatee and executor, the aforesaid William Skeet. Witnesses, Anne Wilson, Joseph Nebethe and William Fox. Proved 18 December 1727, by William Skeet the executor. A small seal on which is a stag, not armorial. He lived at Cobham for a time where he subscribed 5s under the act of 1661 for free and voluntary gifts to the king. He was living there as late as 1675, when he was taxed for hearths [257/30, 15 Charles II.] "William Skeet of Cobham, taxed for 7 hearths." Died probably unmarried, as there are no entries in the Cobham Register, and he leaves his property to his nephew.

William Skeete of Effingham, freeholder in Leatherhead, voted in 1705 for Sir Richard Onslow and Sir W. Scawen, and in 1710 for the same. (Poll for the Knights of the Shire for Surrey in 1705 and 1710, from the list of Freeholders at the British Museum.)

1. Daughter Mary Antill. (James Antill and Mary Skeete were married 16 October 1677.—Effingham Parish Register.)
2. Daughter Sarah Skeete. (Burial 31 March 1686, Sarah, daughter of Richard Skeete.—Effingham Register.)

Wife Mary and son John Skeete residuary legatees and executors. Witnesses, Joseph Crockford and William Crockford. Proved by the relict, Mary Skeete, 26 May 1680. (Com. Surrey, Chapman, 1674-1696, fol. 28.) (Burial 20 September 1679, Richard Skeet.—Effingham Register.)

Anne.

VII. John Skeet of Effingham, yeoman, succeeded, as eldest son of Richard, to lands and tenements at West Horsley. In his will dated 16 September 1712. To the poor of Effingham 40s. Mentions:—

Wife Anne (formerly Ann Page of Godalming).

1. Eldest son John Skeet, a messuage or tenement with farm buildings, orchard, and lands with their appurtenances in West Horsley, in the tenure of James Fulk. Of whom later.
2. Son William, messuage with farm buildings and land situated in West Horsley, in the occupation of Henry Tunnell, also £50 in money when 21 (of whom later).
3. Son Richard, £100 when 21. This Richard married his cousin Ann Page (see Henry Page's will). Had issue:—
 1. John (of whom later).
 2. Richard (see wills of John Skeet and Henry Page).
 3. Isaac (see wills of John Skeet and Henry Page).
1. Anne, mentioned in Allegations for Marriage Licences for Surrey, 1673—1770: "17 Feb. 1762. Daniel Crockford of Effingham, abode 7 years, labourer, bachelor, 33, and Ann Skeet of Little Bookham, spinster, 24; at Little Bookham. John Skeet of Effingham, farmer, 2nd S."
4. Son Isaac Skeete, £100 when 21.
1. Only daughter Anne, wife of John Feilder of Ockham, yeoman, £20.

Granddaughter Ann, daughter of the said John and Ann Feilder, 2 guineas of gold.

Wife Ann requested to resign dower, friend John Clear of Dorking, tailor. Wife Ann and son John, executors. Overseers, brother William Skeet, and brother-in-law Henry Page. Witnesses, Hannah Lucas, Robert Spencer, and Richard Skeete. Proved 23 January 1712-13. A small seal, not armorial, a heart pierced by two arrows.

Extracts from Effingham Register :—

Baptisms.

Annie, y^e daughter of John Skeete, May 14, 1689.
 John, the zonne of John Skeete, Nov. 19, 1690.
 Richard, the z^{on} of John Skeete, borne 17 Sep. 1692. (Probably baptised same day.)
 William, the son of John Skeete, 31 Oct. 1693.
 Isaac, the son of John Skeete, 27 Dec. 1694.
 Richard, son of John Skeete, 7 April 1696.

Burials.

18 Sept. 1692, Richard, son of John Skeete.
 4 Nov. 1712, Ann Skeet, and
 27 Nov. 1712, John Skeet, her husband.

JOHN MILLAR, Vicar.

John Skeet of Effingham, freeholder in West Horsley, voted for Sir W. Scawen and Edward Harvey, Esq. (Poll for Knights of the Shire for Surrey in 1705, from list of Freeholders, British Museum.)

William and Mary.

VIII. John Skeet of Effingham, married at Little Bookham, 10 July 1718, Elizabeth Nettlefold of Little Bookham (Little Bookham Register).

In Little Bookham Church there was a monument on the floor near the door to—

“Mr. William Nettlefold, departed this life May y^e 3d, 1752, aged 51. Also Elizabeth Nettlefold, wife of the above, departed this life December y^e 18th, 1738, aged 27.”

(Manning and Bray's "History of Surrey.")

On the first page of the Parish Register at Effingham there is the following:—

“October 7th, 1737.

“Item, agreed to let to Mr. John Skeet the five acres of land lying in Effingham East Field, late in the occupation of Mr. John Nettlefold, dece^d, together with the two (closes?) called Vicars (Ham?) at the yearly rent of four pounds and ten shillings for the term of three years to come, beginning at Mich^{as} day last past.

Witness my hand,

J. Godfrey, Vicar of Effingham.”

A Monumental Inscription is on a tombstone near the south side of the chancel in Effingham Churchyard:—

“In memory of John Skeete, yeoman of the Parish of Bookham, who died June 7, 1755, aged 64 years. Also of Elizabeth wife of John Skeete, who died June 1782, aged 92 years.”

Will of John Skeet of Little Brockham in Betchworth (*sic*), Surrey, yeoman, is dated 30 May 1755. Mentions:—

Wife Elizabeth, all copyhold and freehold lands, messuages, tenements, etc., with their appurtenances for her life, they having first been surrendered to the lord of the manor, by the

acceptance of Henry Bennet and John Morer, two other customary tenants of that manor, and after her death to nephew John Skeet, son of brother Richard Skeet for ever. Brother William Skeet, an annuity of £5 for life. Brother Richard Skeet, an annuity of £5 for life. Niece Ann Skeet, daughter of brother Richard Skeet, £100. Richard Skeet, son of brother Richard Skeet, £200 within six months after death of wife Elizabeth, out of the personal estate.

Nephew Isaac Skeet, another son of brother Richard Skeet, to be paid in the same way as nephew Richard. Executors, nephew John Skeet and wife Elizabeth. Overseers, Mr. Edward Nettlefold* of Kingston in Surrey, baker, and Mr. Benjamin Castledine of Chobham, mealman. Witnesses, Henry Bennet, John More, and Jas. Richardson. Proved 5 August 1755. (Arch. Surrey 1755, fol. 54.)

The following are from the vestry accounts of Great Bookham, kindly supplied by the Rector, the Rev. G. S. Bird:—

April 7th and 27th, 1716. Paid John Skeet, H— Constable, y^e Goal and Hospital money, £2 3s. 2d.

December 29th. P^d to John Skeete, H— Constable, for Goal and Hospital, maimed souldiers, etc., £1 8s. 10d.

April 10th, 1717. P^d to John Skeete, H— Constable, for Goal, Hospital, etc., £1 8s. 10d.

George III.

IX. John Skeet of Effingham, lord of the manor of Farncomb in Godalming, who succeeded to the property at Effingham under his uncle John's will, was a son of Richard, third son of John VII., who died in 1712. Married twice according to the following extracts from Allegations for Marriage Licences for Surrey, 1673—1770:—

"26 Feb. 1754. John Skeet of 'Little Bookum,' farmer, bachelor, 23, and Elizabeth Venn of Effingham, spinster, 21; at Effingham. George Wadbrook of Kingston-upon-Thames, baker, 2nd S. Both sign."

"13 October 1758. John Skeete of Effingham, abode 4 weeks, yeoman, widower, 30, and Sarah May of Sheere, abode 4 weeks, spinster, 25; at Sheere. Richard Skeete of Effingham, carpenter, 2nd S. Both sign."

His father Richard had married Ann Page, from whose brother he succeeded to the Manor of Farncomb, as appears in the following Will:—

Will of Henry Page of Farncomb in the parish of Godalming, Surrey, gent., dated 29 October 1760. Bequeaths to his wife, Easter Page, a messuage with outhouses, etc., in Godalming "in the occupation of Elijah Wareing, Surgeon, Mary Gilliam and myself," also the manor of Farncomb with a capital messuage belonging to the same, a parcel of meadow ground containing 3 acres called Madgrove lying in a certain common mead called Catteshall Mead in Godalming, also hop kiln and orchard adjoining for her life, and after her death the same to go to John Skeet the eldest of Effingham, yeoman, and his assigns, for his life, to be held in trust by George Osborne of Liphook, co. Southampton, gent., and John Sparkes of Bramley in Surrey, yeoman, to carry out the provisions of the will, and after the decease of the said John Skeet the same lands to Richard Skeet the younger of Effingham, yeoman, to be

* This Edward Nettlefold is mentioned under Skeet of Egham, *post*.

† His cousin John Skeet of New Haw, born 1723, would have been "the younger."

held by the same trustees during the life of the said Richard and his heirs male, and for want of the same testator bequeaths the same land to the heirs male of his late sister Ann Skeet, deceased, who before her marriage was called Ann Page. To Richard Skeet the elder of Little Bookham, yeoman, a manor farm called Great Wildwood with the lands and tenements belonging, which is to be charged with the payment of an annuity of £10 to William Skeet, brother of the said Richard Skeet, senior, and his assigns for the term of their lives, free of all taxes, also one other annuity of £5 to Ann, the daughter of Richard Skeet, senior, by half-yearly payments, which if not paid within 21 days, then the said William and Ann can enter in and possess the same messuage, and after the decease of Richard the elder the same land to go to his son Richard the younger and his heirs, and for want of such the same to John Skeet the elder, and if he has no heir then to the heirs male of late sister Ann Skeet, deceased. The messuage farm and lands called Lawns, situated in Cranley, to nephew Isaac Skeet and his assigns, who is of an unsound mind. Testator directs Elijah Waring of Godalming, surgeon, and William Hammond of Binscomb in Godalming, yeoman, to be trustees and to receive the rents during the insanity of the said Isaac for his support, and after his death the said lands to go to John Skeet, and to descend in the same manner as the other lands before named. To wife's niece Easter French, £400. To John and Francis Whitborne, sons of John Whitborne of Ockham, maltster, £200 each. To the said John Skeet a silver punch-bowl with silver ladle, a silver pint mug, and a silver half-pint mug. To Elijah Waring and William Hammond, 10 guineas apiece. All outdoor stock to wife Easter Page and John Skeet, residuary legatees and executors. Witnesses, Jane Eliot, John Greenfield, and Francis Eliot. Proved 28 July 1761 (P.C.C., Cheslyn, folio 264).

"In the Domesday Survey the manor of Ferncomb was owned by Odo, Bishop of Baieux. It passed through different hands until in the year 1733 it was purchased by Henry Page, to whom a fine was levied, and who deceasing in July 1761, bequeathed it to Esther, his widow, for the term of her natural life, with remainder to John Skeete of Effingham in this county and the heirs male of his body, remainder to his own right heirs. The said Esther departing this life on the 30th March 1784 it devolved accordingly on the said John Skeete.

John Skeete died in 17— and devised this estate to his wife Sarah in fee, leaving by her two daughters, viz., Sarah who married Mr. Timothy Hall, an attorney of Dorking, and Elizabeth who married Mr. Geering Lane of the same place. Mrs. Skeete died in 1800, and devised to her two daughters in moieties. Mrs. Hall died in 1796 leaving by Mr. Hall two daughters, Eiza and Sarah, now infants who have her moiety." (Manning and Bray.)

Henry Page was probably son of Henry Page, brother-in-law to John Skeet who died in 1713. He was buried at Godalming 26 July 1761.

Will of John Skeet of Effingham in Surrey, yeoman. Will dated 22 December 1789. Wife Sarah Skeet all testator's manor of Farncomb, with the rights, members, and appurtenances belonging, and all that capital messuage or tenement, farm, lands, and hereditaments to the said manor belonging, situated in the parish of Godalming in Surrey, also that parcell of meadow ground containing by estimation 3 acres called Madgrove, lying in a certain common mead called Cattershall Mead in Godalming. Also hop kiln with orchard adjoining in Farncomb, also messuage or tenement, farm, lands with appurtenances called Lawns situated in Cranley, Surrey, also freehold and copyhold messuage or tenement situated in West Horsley in Surrey and holden of the manor of West Horsley, and which he had already surrendered to the use of his will, and which copyhold premises are now in the occupation of William Dendy. Residuary legatee wife Sarah. Witnesses, Daniel Wilson, Mary Older, and Tim Hall. Proved 20 December 1790. (Surrey Arch., 1778—90, folio 237.)

Left issue:—

1. Sarah, married Mr. Timothy Hall, attorney-at-law, at Dorking, 7 February 1785. She died in 1796, leaving two daughters who succeeded to her moiety, one of whom, Elizabeth Dill, raised a monument to her aunt in Rustington Church.
2. Elizabeth, who married Mr. Geering Lane of Dorking. There is a monument in Rustington Church, Sussex (near Arundel).

"Elizabeth, widow of Geering Lane, Esq., many years a resident in this parish, died 4 February MDCCCLVI, aged LXXXV, in affectionate remembrance of whom her niece Eliza Dill dedicates this tablet."

"Geering Lane, Esq., died 10 August 1827, aged 80."

George I.

VIII. William Skeet of Effingham, Pyrford, and Ockham, born at Effingham in 1693, succeeded under the will of his father John to the farm at West Horsley when he was only nineteen years of age. He evidently sold this and served his apprenticeship as a weaver* before he was living at Pyrford, which is shewn by the entry in the parish register, in the record of the birth of his third son. He must have been married a few years before. It would seem that he had been extravagant or unfortunate, as he appears to have disposed of his property, and to have exchanged the then lucrative position of a Surrey weaver for employment in the River Wey navigation.† In 1727 his uncle William of Effingham left him executor to his will, with a house at Pattersham near Leatherhead. He describes him as of Ockham, which is just on the other side of the river Wey to the adjoining parish of Pyrford. This property must also have been disposed of. His brother John, who died in 1755, only left him an annuity of £'5, and preferred the children of his youngest brother Richard to succeed him in the family estate. John Page, in 1760, contented himself with leaving him a further annuity of £'10.

During a portion of the time he was employed on the River Wey navigation, he is believed to have lived in a house which is now "The Anchor." Before his death he removed across the river to the parish of Ockham, and was buried in Ockham churchyard Oct. ye 11th, 1774 (Ockham Register).

He left issue:—

1. William. Is perhaps the William Skeet referred to in the following entry from the Send Register:—

"Marriage. William Skeet of the parish of Pyrford in Surrey and Sarah Thomson of this Parish of Send were married by Banns in this Church this 24th Day of Decr. 1761." He is known to have died without issue.

* During the sixteenth and seventeenth and the early years of the eighteenth century the woollen industry was very flourishing in the neighbourhood of Guildford, as the arms of the borough shew—Two little wool-packs "in fess of the third pale ways." Aubrey declares "it flourishes exceedingly at Womersh." Shere tells us in his day, "considerable for the Fustian Weavers, and hath been so antiently." By the year 1755 the trade appears to have died out. Many of the weavers at this period became landed proprietors in their own county, and the adjoining ones of Hampshire, and Sussex, as the Bridgers of Godalming, and the Chittys of Milford and West Grinstead.

† The navigation of the River Wey was opened November 1653. It had been commenced by Sir Richard Weston of the Catholic family of Sutton. Numbers of Surrey men were employed in the care of the locks and of the canalized river. The names of Skeet, Slyfield, Westbrook, and others occur in registers of the parishes between Guildford and Weybridge only from the end of the seventeenth century onwards. It formed a means of employment to the younger sons of decayed families, who had been ruined by the Civil War.

2. Robert, died without issue; buried at Pyrford 17 Feb. 1786. Had lived at Ripley.
3. John, "Son of William Skeet, Bapt. (at home) on Friday, April 5th, 1723" (Pyrford Register), of whom later.

The following extract from the Pyrford Register refers to the death of William Skeet's wife Jane, which took place shortly after the birth of her third son John: "Jane Skeet, (late) wife of W^m Skeet (Weaver), was buried here Oct^r 20th, 1723."

The pedigree in the College of Arms commences with the above-named William.

George I.

IX. John Skeet of New Haw Lock or Ham Haw, near the River Wey, married Susannah Carter of Chertsey, who was heiress to a copyhold estate at New Haw. She was the daughter of Andrew and Ann Carter of Chertsey. Her father died in 1758, as the following extract from his will at Somerset House proves: "Ann, Relict of Andrew Carter, proved his will 1758. Susannah Skeet, wife of John Skeet, natural and lawful daughter of Andrew Carter, late of Chertsey, declared to administer the goods, chattels, etc., of the said Andrew Carter." (Surrey Arch.)

Had issue:—

1. John, baptized 17 April 1755; died young.
2. William, baptized 17 May 1758. (See later.)
3. Robert, baptized 20 Jan. 1763 (of whom later).
1. Jane, baptized 29 July 1753; married . . . Rance.
2. Mary, baptized 12 July 1760; married John Benham.
3. Elizabeth, baptized 8 May 1766; married Thomas Port.

The above entries are from a family manuscript book.

John Skeet died about 1768. His youngest son could only just remember the occurrence. After his death some of the family, including his son Robert, went to Effingham to see their kinsman John Skeet (note in Family MSS.). They would have passed by their grandfather's house on the way. His widow survived him at least thirty-five years, and resided on the property she had inherited at New Haw (Family MSS.).

George II.

X. William Skeet of New Haw succeeded as eldest son to the property which had come to the family through his mother. Born 17 May 1758. He married Sarah Welch of Storbridge about 1785, probably at Chertsey or Weybridge, and had issue:—

1. James, born 19 October 1786; married Sarah Merritt of Guildford 9 November 1814. His father's estate had got into the Court of Chancery, out of which Court he bought a portion. His house is still (1905) standing at New Haw. His wife died 20 October 1858. He did not leave any legitimate male issue. I have seen pictures in oil of himself, his wife, and his house at his nephew William's at Byfleet. He died 23 January 1862; buried at Wisley. Had issue two daughters:—
 1. Jane, who married Charles John Haynes, by whom she had: (1) James, (2) William, (1) Sarah, (2) Ellen Jane. Mrs. Haynes died at Chertsey 1870.
James Haynes was of Rio de Janeiro (1860). Issue: Josiah, Sarah, and Ellen.
 2. Sarah.

2. William, born 22 November 1795; died February 1865; married Sarah Pash, by whom he had:—
 1. William, married Sarah Cooper,* by whom he had: (1) James, (2) Harry. He was born 9 March 1829; died 2 March 1905, at Rose Cottage, West Byfleet; buried at Wisley.
 2. Robert, married Lucy B . . . , and had issue three sons and one daughter.
3. John of Woodham, born 19 May 1804; married Lucy Blythnew; and had issue.
1. Sarah Wilde, born 1 October 1788; married, 22 November 1817, James Webb, descended from Mary Skeet, daughter of William Skeet and Mary Morgan, who married Samuel Webb. She died January 1863; buried at Twickenham, leaving issue: (1) James George, (1) Emma, (2) Katherine, married Matthew Morrell, living (1860) with Duc D'Aumale.
2. Katherine, born 5 September 1790; died unmarried 1811; buried at Weybridge.
3. Amelia, born 22 October 1792; died 29 January 1872; buried at Wisley.
4. Susannah, born 27 September 1798; married, 25 November 1819, Thomas Webb. He died 27 March 1858; buried at Dogmersfield, Hants. She died 2 May 1870, leaving issue:—
 1. William, born at Odiham, Hants, 20 June 1834.
 2. Sarah, born at Woodham 10 August 1830; married Alfred White of Greywell, Hants, 6 August 1857, by whom she had: (1) David, (2) Arthur, (1) Kate.
5. Hannah, baptized at Chertsey 7 November 1801; married William Stone (her second cousin); died 1849, leaving issue: (1) James, (1) Sarah, (2) Jane, (3) Eliza, (4) . . .

William Skeet died 26 October 1834; his widow in the autumn of 1845, aged 84.

George III.

XI. Robert Skeet of Portman Square, London, third son of John Skeet of New Haw, was baptized 20 January 1763, and born in the house to which his elder brother William succeeded. The following is a copy from the Teddington Register of Marriages:—

“No. 131.—Robert Skeat and Jane Port of the parish of Richmond in Surry were married in this church by banns this 28th day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six By me Anthy. Keighley Thomas, A.B., Curate.

This marriage was solemnized between us—

In the presence of—

Robert Skeat (*sic*).

Robert Walters.

Jane Port.

William Marchant.”

FAMILY OF PORT OF SEND, CO. SURREY.

Extracts from the Send Register:—

Baptisms.

Sarah, the daughter of William and Sarah Port, Bapt. October 21, 1752.

William, the son of William and Sarah Port, Bapt. March 17th, 1754.

Betty, the daughter of William and Sarah Port, Bapt. Nov. 2nd, 1755.

James, son of William and Sarah Port, Bapt. Jan. 30th, 1758.

* There are monuments to this family in Stoke D'Abernon Church.

James, the son of William and Sarah Port, Bapt. May 27th, 1759.

Richard, son of William and Sarah Port, Bapt. May 30th, 1761.

Elizabeth, daughter of William and Sarah Port, Bapt. Dec. 1st, 1763.

Marriage.

William Port and Sarah Farly, boath of this parish, was married by banns December ye 24th, 1751.

Burial.

James, the son of William and Sarah Port, May the 3rd, 1758.

Jane Port, wife of Robert Skeet, was the daughter of William Port, who had married Sarah Farley of Send, by whom he had the following children:—

1. William, ob. s.p.
2. James, ob. s.p.
3. Thomas Port of Strood, married Elizabeth Skeet, daughter of John Skeet.
4. John Port of Chertsey, born 1764; married Mary White of Chobham 1781.
1. Sarah, married William Britt of West Coat, near Dorking; left three sons (all had issue).
2. Elizabeth, married Henry Stovell. Had issue: 1, Thomas. 2, Henry. 3, George. 4, James. 1, Elizabeth, married . . . Lee of Birmingham.
3. Mary, married Thomas Edwards.
4. Jane Port, who died March 1849, married Robert Skeet as above.
5. Ann Port, married John Long. They had issue:—
 1. John, in the Bombay Regiment of Infantry; killed in action in the attack on Benin Boo Alli.
 2. William.
 3. George.
 1. Mary.
 2. Sarah.

Some time before his marriage, Robert Skeet had become Secretary to Wm. Holland, Esq., who had been Resident Agent of the East India Company in the Court of the Nizam, then living at Richmond. During the time of the French Revolution he visited Paris, where he was for a time imprisoned, having been mistaken for the King in exile, Louis XVIII. About 1804 he left Mr. Holland, and finally settled at 32 Upper Berkeley Street, Portman Square, London, where he died suddenly 12 November 1833. His wife died 1849. Had issue:—

1. William, baptized December 1796; lived at Clifton; died without issue November 1833.
2. Henry Francis, of whom later.
3. Robert Skeet, born 4 March 1800. Baptized at St. Mary le bone, 23 November 1800, Robert son of Robert and Jane Skeet. He lived at Maida Hill. Married 15 October 1829, at St. Mary's, Mary le bone, Jane Charlotte daughter of Captain Jeffs of the 7th Hussars, who had married Elizabeth Steele of Bothwell. This officer had served formerly with distinction in the 18th Hussars. The following extracts refer to his military services:—

On the 28 March 1814. During a cavalry reconnaissance "1 detached two squadrons of the 1st Hussars to pass the river at these points (sending with the squadron on the left

Lieutenant-Colonel William Campbell, an officer, as you are no doubt aware, of the highest character, and distinguished for his bravery), with orders to move against the flanks of the enemy at the moment that I passed the bridge and moved against their front. I was soon after informed that the left squadron was seen across the bridge below, and having no doubt also that the right must have passed the river above, I ordered the dismounted men of the 18th (Hussars) to make a rush and remove the barricade from the bridge in front, supporting them by the leading squadron of the regiment, at the head of which was Major Hughes. As soon as the passage was cleared the squadron advanced, and I was myself accompanying it, when I saw the dismounted men all running up the hill. I stopped for an instant to order them back to their horses, and then galloped on to rejoin the squadron. A few yards before I reached it I met the Sergeant-Major of the regiment (Jeffs, a brave and active soldier, afterwards Adjutant of the 7th Hussars) coming to inform me that the enemy in front were in great force, and the squadron would be overpowered unless supported. It was under this impression no doubt that Major Hughes made the entry in his memoir which has led to your notice of the affair." (Criticism of Colonel Vivian on a passage in Napier's "Peninsula War.")

Later on he refers to an incident in Notices by Lieutenant-General Vivian ("United Service Journal," vol. v., p. 316):—

"After ordering the halt I returned as quickly as possible to the 18th Hussars, which regiment I found formed, and very near to the enemy's square, on the right of which were some guns and cavalry. The regiment was in the most perfect order, and steady as if exercising on Hounslow Heath. On reaching its front I said, '18th, will you follow me?' on which the Sergeant-Major Jeffs, afterwards Adjutant of the 7th Hussars, and several men exclaimed, 'By —! General, anywhere. To H—, if you will lead us.' I then gave the order to advance and charge, and in an instant, with indescribable impetuosity, an attack was made on the cavalry and the guns. Immediately before this the last cannon shot I heard from the French during the day had been fired at us. From these guns many of the artillerymen and drivers were cut down, and the pursuit of the cavalry by the 18th was continued for a very considerable distance on the road to Genappe."

Fought in eighteen engagements in the Peninsula War and at the Battle of Waterloo. He was presented with a large silver punch-bowl by the Marquis of Anglesey and his brother officers, as a mark of esteem and a recognition of his many acts of valour and trepidity in the field. His daughter was given a service of plate by the Marquis on her marriage.

Jane Charlotte Jeffs was born at Hounslow Barracks 29 December 1811. Baptized in the Parish Church, Heston, Middlesex, 31 May 1812. Had issue:—

1. Robert James Aspinall, born at Bayswater 4 Dec. 1836.
2. Charles Poulden, born at Berkeley Street, W., 15 Aug. 1838.
3. Thomas Jeffs, born 5 Dec. 1846 at Anglesey Cottage, Kilburn; baptized at Hampstead Parish Church.
4. Robert John, born 23 Feb. 1849 at Anglesey Cottage, Kilburn.
1. Emma Isabella, born 7 Feb. 1835; baptized at St. Marylebone; died unmarried.
2. Jane Catherine, born 12 May 1840 at Lisson Grove; married at St. Saviour's, Paddington, 14 April 1864, Christopher Fryer, son of Christopher Fryer, Esquire, of Chancery Lane, a Captain in the Honourable Artillery

Company, who died in 1842, whose father's family had lived at Fleet House, Wensleydale, Yorks. Now of Glatton, Ryde, Isle of Wight. They have issue :—

- (1) Christopher Clare, born 12 March 1869; married at Tooting Parish Church, 1895, Elsie, daughter of George Hall, whose family have long been settled at Southwick, co. Sussex. He died 14 June 1904.
 - (2) Robert Percy, born 29 June 1870; married at St. Andrew's, Willesden, 28 Sept. 1895, Marjorie Gertrude, daughter of Henry Anderson Gwynne.
 - (3) Harold Edgar, born 2 December 1878, Staff-Surgeon Royal Navy; married, 10 April 1892, Vera, daughter of W. H. Nicholas, Esq., B.A., Headmaster of the High School, Durban, S.A.
- (1) Kate Jane, born 5 August 1865; married 1888 at St. Paul's, Avenue-road, Hampstead, . . . eldest son of W. Gouldsmith of Rodwell Hall, Wiltshire.
 - (2) Harriet Ellen, born April 1867; married at St. Paul's, Avenue Road, Hampstead, 1890, Lionel Lambert, son of Dr. Roberts of Hampstead, and nephew of Sir Alfred Roberts, Knt., the eminent surgeon.
 - (3) Nellie Angela, born 4 Sept. 1878; married Frederick Gordon, only son of . . . George of Fairholme, Torquay, Devon.
3. Ellen Eliza, born at Hill Road, Marylebone, 9 June 1843; baptized at Christ Church; married Capt. Widdrington. See that family.
 4. Clara Caroline, born at Anglesey Cottage 11 April 1851; baptized at Hampstead Parish Church.
 5. Florence Charlotte, born 12 Nov. 1853 at Anglesey Cottage, Kilburn; baptized at Hampstead; married.
 6. Madeline Maude, born 6 August 1856 at Anglesey Cottage, Kilburn; baptized at Hampstead Parish Church.
 7. Rosabel Blanche, born 24 May 1858 at Anglesey Cottage; baptized at St. Mary's, Kilburn; died unmarried.
4. Richard Skeet of Worcester, born 1 April 1802; married first at Shoreditch, March 1824, Lydia Adams; she died 30 Oct. 1829, leaving issue :—
 1. Richard, born 26 June 1826; died September 1848.
 2. James John, born 7 April 1828 at Worcester; married first at Paddington Church, London, 1848, Elizabeth . . . and had issue :—
 - (1) James Richard, born 28 February 1851 at St. Marylebone, London.
 - (2) George William, born at Brighton 11 November 1864.
 - (1) Elizabeth Jane, born 13 December 1848 at St. Marylebone, London.
 - (2) Mary Martha, born 30 April 1853 at St. Marylebone, London; died aged 17.
 - (3) Emily Lydia, born 5 March 1857 at Brighton.
 - (4) Lucy Alice, born 19 February 1859 at Brighton; died aged 2 years.
 - (5) Alice, born 19 June 1863.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Skeet was born 12 December 1829; died 1865. He married secondly Elizabeth Neeves at Brighton Registrar's Office 1868, and had issue :—
- (3) Charles Frederick, born 17 February 1869 at Brighton.
 - (4) Arthur Edward, born 18 June 1871.

- (5) Henry Robert, born 10 February 1873 at Brighton. Probably the R. Skeet of the Suffolk Regiment who was taken prisoner in the Suffolk Disaster at Colesberg, South Africa, and died a prisoner of war of wounds received in action January 1900.
- (6) Mabel, born 18 May 1875 at Brighton.
1. Jane Lydia, born 3 January 1825; married 1843 . . . Ferritt; living in America 1878.
- Richard Skeet married secondly Penelope Close at St. Peter's, Sedbury, 11 January 1831, and had issue:—
3. Edward Henry, born 12 December 1831.
4. Robert Close, born 12 September 1833; ob. s.p.
2. Martha, born 7 May 1837; died May 1878.
5. James, born November 1809; died unmarried November 1827.
6. Charles Joseph, born 19 May 1812; a publisher of King William Street, London. Amongst others, he published the novels of Lady Lytton and Mrs. Riddell and many memoirs. Died unmarried 22 January 1892 at 11 Wellington Road, St. John's Wood.
1. Jane, born 3 June 1810; died unmarried 18 March 1867.

XI. Henry Francis Skeet of Hull was born at Terret House, near Drayton, Bucks, then the seat of William Holland, who was his godfather.

"February 25, 1798. Francis Henry Skeet, son of Robert and Jane Skeet.

"This is a correct copy from the Register in the Parish Church of Drayton Beauchamp in the County of Bucks.

Copied by me,

CHARLES SAM'L WOOD, Curate.

"March 28, 1826."

Was educated at Mr. Evans' and Dr. Iflinger's of Queen Street, Edgware Road, and at Dodswells, Crowborough, Sussex. In 1813, articled to Mr. James Aspinall of Furnival's Inn, Notary Public; admitted a Notary Public on 16 May 1823. In 1825, migrated to Kingston upon Hull, where on 18 November 1830 he married Miss Somerseales at Seulcoates Church. His time was principally devoted to archæology and genealogical and heraldic research. He died 5 June 1879 at 3 North Parade, Beverley Road, Hull. His wife had died 28 November 1872 at the same place. They had the following children:—

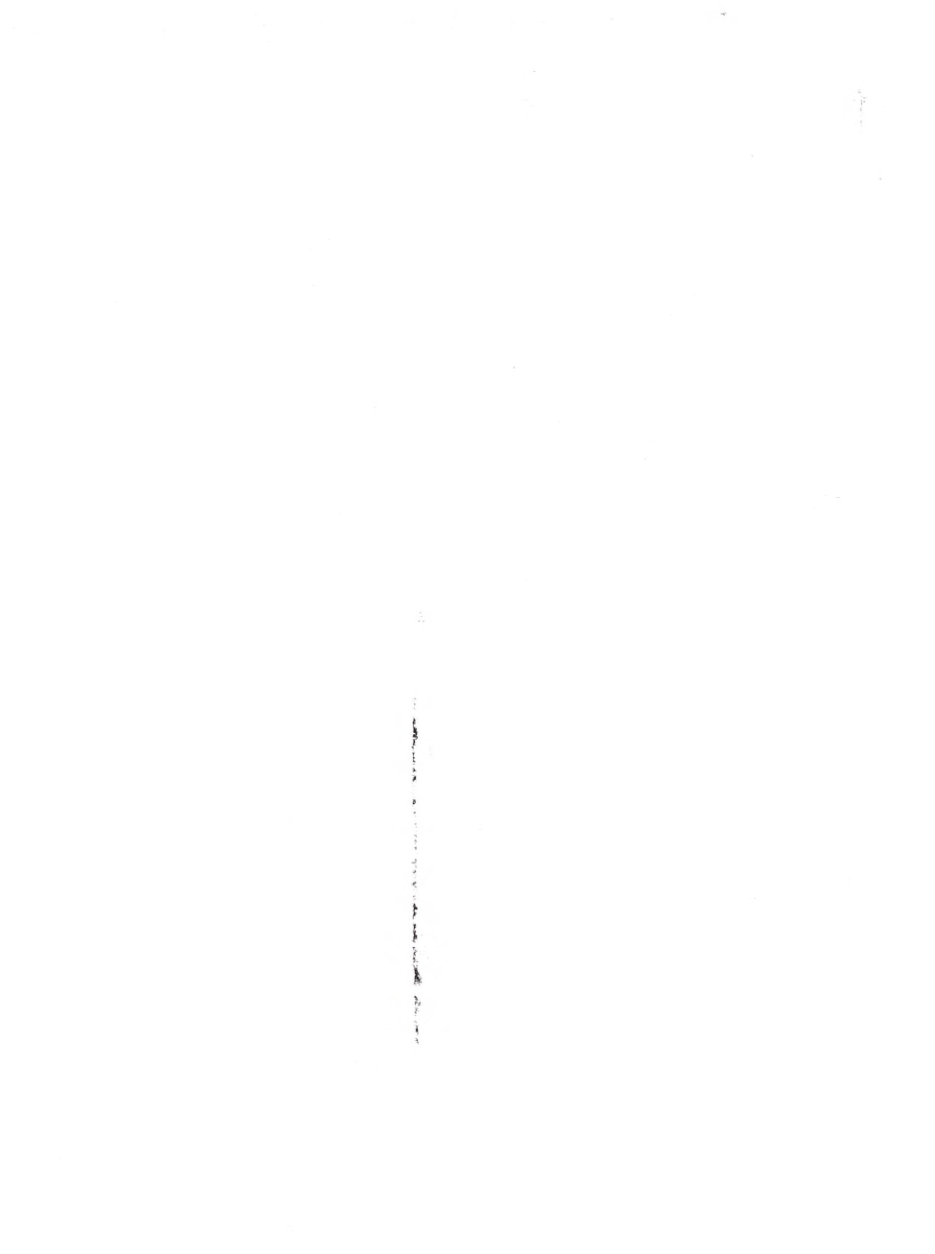
1. Henry Somerseales, born 16 August 1832, a Notary Public; died at 3 North Parade, Hull (where he was born), 4 May 1864.
2. Robert, of whom later.

XII. Robert Skeet, Gentleman, of Wind Hill House, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, born 14 April 1834 at 3 North Parade, Beverley Road, Hull; educated at the Grammar School, Kingston upon Hull; a Solicitor of the High Court of Justice; of 7 South Square, Gray's Inn, until he married Alison Jane Wilby 16 May 1868. The following is a contemporary account of the wedding from the "Herts and Essex Observer":—

"Marriage of Miss Wilby.—On Saturday morning last Miss Wilby of Wind Hill House was united in marriage to Robert Skeet, Esq., of Gray's Inn, London. The interesting event appeared to cause more than usual excitement, the approaches to the church



ROBERT SKEET,
Of Wind Hill House, Bishop's Stortford.



being thronged by a large crowd of persons. Wind Hill House is situated close to the churchyard, into which an entrance is obtained from the grounds through a pair of large gates. The wedding party walked from the house to the church, carpets being laid the entire distance. Shortly after eleven o'clock the bridesmaids, Miss Edith Alice Fairman and Miss Skeet, left Wind Hill House, and were conducted by Captain Fairman to the church porch, where they awaited the arrival of the bride, who soon afterwards appeared, leaning on her father's arm. They proceeded to the chancel, where the vicar, bridegroom, and friends of both parties were waiting. . . . The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. W. Rhodes. The bride was given away by her father. As the bridal party retired to the vestry the church bells rang out a merry peal."

Soon after his marriage Robert Skeet was instrumental in supplying Bishop's Stortford with water. The following extracts are taken from (32 and 33 Vict.) The Bishop's Stortford Water Act, 1869: an Act for supplying Bishop's Stortford in the County of Hertford with water (24 June 1869).—

"4. The limits of this Act for the supply of water comprise the Parish of Bishop's Stortford in the County of Hertford.

"5. Robert Skeet, William Wilby, and Charles Staniland Wake, and all other persons and corporations who have already subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe to the undertaking, and their executors, administrators, successors, and assigns respectively, shall be united into a company for the purpose of making and maintaining the water-works, and for other the purposes of this Act, and for those purposes shall be incorporated under the name of 'The Bishop's Stortford Water Company,' and by that name shall be a body corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and with power to purchase, take, hold, and dispose of lands and other property, for the purposes of this Act.

"6. (1) A well or shaft, with engines or other works, which will be situate in or upon a piece of land belonging, or reputed to belong, to the Trustees of the late William Wilby, and in the occupation of John Dobide Fairman, being part of the farm called Mash Barns, and situate between a public road leading from Bishop's Stortford to the said farm, and another public road leading from Bishop's Stortford to Hadham, commonly called the New Hadham Road."

These works were sold to the Bishop's Stortford Local Board for £8000 in 1872, and the land at the sale of the Wilby Estate in 1903.

He was elected before 1884 an assistant of the Corporation for Smelting down Lead with Pit-coal and Sea-coal, a very old chartered company, in which the Wilby family had been shareholders for generations, and continued in office until his death.

Died at Wind Hill House Thursday 16 May 1889, and was buried at Bishop's Stortford Cemetery, to which the body was borne on a hand-bier through the grounds of his residence. He left a widow and the following children:—

1. Francis John Angus, born 10 March 1869 (of whom later).
2. Frederick William, born 27 August 1872; baptized at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, 2 October 1872, settled at Tauranga in the North Island of New Zealand; married at Masterton in the same island Ada Lydia, third daughter of J. Teal of Carterton, Wednesday, 25 February 1903.
3. Alfred Henry, born 18 July 1875; baptized at St. Michael's Church 1875; died at Wind Hill House 9 January 1894.

4. Charles Anthony of Wind Hill, Bishop's Stortford, born 3 March 1878; baptized at St. Michael's. Club, the Junior Conservative.

The three younger sons were educated at The School, Bishop's Stortford.

1. Alison Anne Josephine, married 22 October 1902 at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, by the Rev. Canon McCormick, D.D., Rector of the Parish, Valentine Alexander Blake, Captain 4th Scottish Rifles, son of the late Valentine Fitzpatrick Blake, Esq., J.P., of Gortnamona, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway (see Blake pedigree).
2. Eleanor, youngest daughter.

Mrs. Skeet died Tuesday, 4 August 1903, at her residence, Wind Hill House. Much regret was felt in the town at the death of a lady who was well known for her unostentatious charity and her long connection with the place. The funeral took place on the following Saturday amidst many signs of regret and esteem. The first part of the service took place in St. Michael's Church, where so many of her ancestors lay buried, the officiating minister being the Rev. E. G. Watts, M.A., an old friend of the family. She was laid to rest in the vault situated under a beech-tree in the south-east portion of the cemetery, where her husband and third son had preceded her.

XIII. Francis John Angus Skeet of Bishop's Stortford and Crossbush House, near Arundel, Sussex, born at Wind Hill House 10th March 1869; baptized and received into the Catholic Church at St. Mary's Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, U.S.A., 3 June 1894, by the Rev. J. Bender; confirmed by His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan at Archbishop's House, Carlisle Place, Westminster, 20 November 1894; educated at Felstead, Essex, and at Wolftram's Military Coaching Establishment, Lee; gazetted Second Lieutenant 4th Royal Dublin Fusiliers 19 October 1889, and Second Lieutenant 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers) 27 December 1892, which gazette was cancelled at his own request 10 January 1893. Then went to Colorado, U.S.A.; served as a volunteer (Deputy Sheriff) during the strike of the miners at Cripple Creek June 1894, which assumed a serious aspect. The strikers had massed to the number of 800 in a fortified position in the mountains, armed with rifles and one big gun. The Governor of the State was an Anarchist, and refused to lend help in quelling the disturbances. The county of El Paso organized a strong force of Deputy Sheriffs to attack the miners on Bull Hill. For some days incidents of an exciting nature took place between the two forces, and eventually the Governor called out the State Militia and the Deputies were withdrawn.

Returned to Bishop's Stortford end of 1894, where he, with others, persuaded Cardinal Vaughan to commence a permanent Catholic establishment May 1896. Sister St. Leo and two other sisters started a small convent in the Grange Road. May 4 1896 Mass was said there publicly for the first time since the Reformation, Francis Skeet serving the nuns' chaplain Father Shore. He then went to the Jesuit College, Roehampton, for two years.

13 December 1898, appointed Captain in the 4th Royal Dublin Fusiliers; proceeded to South Africa, attached to the 4th (King's Own) Royal Lancaster Regiment, 11 January 1900; served at Naauwpoort during the Colesberg operations; Special Service Officer 10 April 1900; Intelligence Officer at Norval's Pont, received surrenders of Cape Colony rebels under Lord Roberts' proclamation; Intelligence Officer Midland Districts, stationed at Colesberg, May 1900 to May 1901, then Staff Officer at Naauwpoort to Colonel Morris, C.B., A.I.G.,

and General Inigo Jones, C.B., Commanding the Brigade of Guards and Midland Districts; Commandant Hanover District; S. O. to No. 7 Martial Law Area, Colonel Helme, C.B., C.M.G., Administrator; invalided home 28 February 1902.

Married 8 April 1902 Ada Beatrice Zolila, daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Murray, K.St.F., K.I.C. (see Murray pedigree), and the late Mrs. Grimshaw, stepdaughter of Stanfield Grimshaw, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law, of 45 Avenue Road, Regent's Park (see that family). The ceremony was performed by Father Gavin, S.J., at St. James's Church, Spanish Place, who also said the nuptial mass.

Shortly afterwards attached to 10th Provisional Battalion at Dover until October 1902. Promoted Major 10 June 1905. Club: New Club, 4 Grafton Street, W. Owner of land at Bishop's Stortford—a portion of the Wilby estate.

The arms of Skeet are: "Per saltire argent and gules, a cross potent counterchanged, a Bordure indented sable, charged with four human hearts and as many fleurs-de-lis alternate, or." And for the crest: "On a wreath of the colours upon a rock proper a covered cup erect or, supported by two eagles respectant, wings elevated and adorsed argent gutte-de-sang, and each holding in the beak a cross potent, gules." Motto: "Ad maiorem dei gloriam." From the original grant in the possession of Major Skeet, who has also confirmation of the quartering for Somerscales:—

"Per pale argent and or, on a bend sable three gadflies volant proper."

SKEET OF WOKING, WEST HORSLEY, AND CLANDON.

William III. and Henry III. were probably grandsons of Richard Skete of Letherhead, and sons of—

II. Henry, who was taxed in 1524 [184/151, 15 Hen. VIII.]. Henry Skete in goods iij^{li}, land xxiiij^s iiij^d, tax xviij^d (West Horsley).

Edward VI.

III. William Skeyte of Woking, Surrey, yeoman. Will dated 13 December 1560. To be buried in the churchyard of the Parish Church of Woking. Mentions—

Brother Harry Skeyte.

Sister Elizabeth Skeite.

Residue to wife Rose, sole executrix.

Overseers, William Lamboll and John Atwoodes.

Witness, Richard Griffith, vicar there.

Proved 22 January 1560. (Surrey Arch., Tully, 220.)

Henry VIII.

III. (2). Henry Skeete of West Horsley in Surrey. Will dated 7 February 1584. Directs to be buried in West Horsley churchyard. Bequeaths to the church of West Horsley 12d. To the poorman's box 12d. To every godchild 12d. In the Lay Subsidies described as of East Clandon [184/182, 33-34 Hen. VIII.]. Henry Skete for goods xiiij^s iiij^d (East Clandon). [184-183, 33 Hen. VIII.]. Henry Skytt for his goods x^s (East Clandon). [184-207, 37 Hen. VIII.]. Henry Skett xx^s (East Clandon). [185-229, 37 Hen. VIII.]. Henry Skete in goods xvi^s, tax xvi^s (East Clandon).

1. Son Henry Skeete, a greate cheste which was his grandmother's, and other household goods, at the age of 21 years. This Henry married Dorothy, daughter of Thomas and Emma Lee, and widow of Anthony Neave, as appears in the following extract from the Chancery proceedings:—

The petition of Henry Skeete of West Horsley, Surrey, yeoman, dated 9 May 1622, in the matter of Anthony Neave, late of West Horsley, yeoman, deceased, who about 14 years since took into his custody £18, being the money of Thomas Lee of West Horsley, now deceased, at the earnest cōtreaty of the said Thomas Lee and Emm then his wife, and Richard Joshua, minister of the said Parish, and the principal parishioners, to the intent that Anthony Neave should keep the £18 in his hands during the lives of them, and the longer liver of them, not only for the good of Thomas and Emm and their children, but after for the parishioners of West Horsley. Emm Lee's daughters were Mary, who married Jasper Gorrard, blacksmith; Dorothy, first the wife of Anthony Neave, and executrix to his will, and then the wife of Henry Skeete. (Chancery Bills and Answers, Mitford, 20/118.)

[184/438, 4 Charles I.] Henry Skeet in goods iij^{li}, tax viii^s (West Horsley).

[186/451, 16 Charles I.] Henry Skeete, lessor, £1 1s. 4d. (West Horsley).

2. Son John, household goods.

Servant Elizabeth Stint, an ewe tegg. Servant Robert Taylor, an ewe tege.

Wife Jonne Skete, the eight years remaining of the lease of the land called Wrenne, held on lease from the Lord of the Manor of Little Bookham. Wife Jonne to be executrix. Overseers, Thomas Tydy and John Eliote.

Debts owing to Robert Stackford of Moulseye, £3; *John Skeete of Estclandon*, 12s.; John Tayler of Ockinge, 2s.; John Goddard of Stroudstrete, the younger married man, 5s. 4d.; Thomas Poore, 3s.; John Goddard, shoemaker, 2s.; Edward Stint, 18d.; *Sister Lee*, 10s.

Witnesses, James Rydford, Alexander Stint, Richard West, and Thomas Broker. Proved 25 May 1585 (Bishop's Court at Winchester, original will). An inventory attached, dated 20 May 1585. Total value, £23 15s. 2d.

SKETE OF EAST CLANDON.

III. John Skeete of East Clandon (?). In 1584 there were three brothers, John, George, and Robert, living there, probably descended from John Skeete of Leatherhead, who died in 1536, leaving a son John, and may be the same John as is mentioned in Henry's will in 1584. There are no burials in the Clandon Register which would apply to their father and mother; the Leatherhead Register is not early enough. Nor are their wills to be found. The three brothers probably migrated, like so many others of their relations, from Leatherhead about 1580.

Elizabeth.

IV. John Skeete of East Clandon and Chobham (with his son John in the will of David of Pattersham in 1619). Married first 1582. "John Skyte, bachelor, and Margery Davye, wdawd, mawydd the last of Julye" (East Clandon Register). She died 1595. In Surrey Lay Subsidies Thomas Davy was taxed in lands xx^s, tax iij^{li}, 186/439, East Clandon. "Margery

Skyte, the wife of John Skyte, was buried the xx of Julye" (East Clandon Register). By her he had issue—

1. John, mentioned in his father's will, born between 1582-1595, of whom later.
2. Arthur Skyte was baptized the 3d of October 1584; executor to his father's will 1601, not then of age.
3. George Skyte was bapt. ye eight and twenty Nov. 1585 (East Clandon Register). Mentioned in his father's will. George son of John Skeete . . . buried April 17th 1671 (Chobham Register).
1. Jone Skyte was bapt. the eight day of Oct. 1586 (East Clandon Register). Jane (? Jone) mentioned in her father's will.

Some time after the death of his first wife in 1595 John Skete moved to Chobham and married Elizabeth, by whom he had—

4. Henry, in his will.
5. Nicholas, in his will.
2. Elizabeth, in his will.
3. Frances, in his will.
4. Ann, in his will.
5. Rose, in his will.

Will of John Skeete of Chobham in Surrey, husbandman, dated 2 April 1601. Bequeaths to his wife Elizabeth the lease of the house and land in Chobham in Surrey, also 3 kine which were her own, also all the rye sown upon the land in Chobham. Son John Skeete, two brown heifer bullocks. Daughter Jane Skeete £5 at the age of 18 years. Son George Skeet £4 at the age of 23 years. Unto six of wife's children, namely Elizabeth, Henry, Frances, Ann, Rose, and Nicholas, 40s., to be divided equally between them. Residue to son Arthur Skeete, executor. Overseers, brother George Skeete and cousin Henry ffield. Debts owing, to brother Robert Skeet 50s., Richard Collyer of Aldbrey 24s. Debts owing to testator, Thomas Lee of Cranley oweth 58s.; John Tucker oweth 20s. Witnesses, George Skeete, Robert Skeete, Henry Feeld, and Thomas Taunton. Arthur Davys of East Clandon (probably a relation of his first wife), the writer. Proved 29 May 1601 by Robert Skeete, uncle of executor, who was a minor. An inventory attached, dated 10 April 1601, taken by John Hoult, Henry Phillipp, and Edmund Broekys. Total value, £18 7s. 8d. (Original Will, Bishop's Court, Winchester.)

Charles I. & II.

V. 1. John Skeete, born between 1583-1595.

The following wills were probably made by him and his widow. They died almost at the same time, perhaps of the plague, which broke out on the outskirts of London May 1665. The date of the wills may be 1664 or 1665:—

Will of John Skeete of St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey, bricklayer, dated 12 May 1664. Wife Mary the messuage or tenement near St. Tooley's Watergate in St. Olave's, Southwark. To Persival Atfeild of Chobham, Surrey, bricklayer, and Sarah Skeet of St. Olave's, Southwark, spinster (probably his daughter), the moiety or half-part of eighteen brick messuages in St. Saviour's, Southwark, also a certain tenement at Shad Thames in St. Olave, Southwark, bought of William Clifford, waterman, and also two brick messuages near

St. Saviour's, Dockhead, in the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, Bermondsey, purchased of Robert Higdon, ship-carpenter, deceased. Henry Atfeild gone to Tangier.* Elizabeth, sister of the said Henry Atfeild, and his sister Susanne Spotts, Walter Atfeild of Chobham, husbandman, and his brother Richard of the same, Tailor. Elizabeth, wife of John Pinson of the same, taylor. Elizabeth, the wife of William Parsell, waterman. Francis Tuttle, wireworker. John Sharpe, cooper. Jane Brewer. Elizabeth Atfeild, spinster. George Stoaken, surgeon. Thomas Dyer, waterman. Persival Atfield and Sarah Skeet, executors. Witnesses, Henry Amy and Jeremy Rausse. Proved 5 July 1664. (Surrey Arch., 1664, fo. 27.)

Will of Mary Skete of St. Olave's, Southwark, Surrey, widow, dated 25 July 1664. William Parsall of St. Olave, Southwark, waterman, and Elizabeth his wife, the lease of a dwelling-house in the said parish. Sarah, the wife of George Stocken, citizen and barber-surgeon, of London. Percivall Hatfeild of Chobham, Surrey, yeoman. Sary Skeete of St. Olave, Southwark, spinster. Residue to William Parsall and Elizabeth his wife, executors. Witnesses, Richard Cooke, John Smart, William Surflet, and Francis Bunting. Proved 26 July 1664. (Surrey Arch., 1664, folio 27.)

The only entry in the Chobham Register is the one to the burial in 1671, nor do I find elsewhere any further trace of any descendants of John Skeete of East Clandon and Chobham.

Elizabeth.

IV. 2. George of East Clandon. Was churchwarden with Thomas Martin of the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury 1592. Married first Annys, who was buried at East Clandon. "1596 Annys Skyte the wyffe of Geo. Skyte was Buryed the sixt of August" (East Clandon Register). By her he had issue—

1. Martha dau. of George Skyte, Bapt. 26 Sept. 1591 (*Ibid*).
2. Elnour dau. of George Skyte, Bapt. 27 Feb. 1593 (*Ibid*).

In 1597 George Skyte was married to Clement Scolyer 4 Dec. (*Ibid*). By whom he had—

James I. and Charles I.

1. George sonne of George Skyte baptized 13 Sept. 1600 (East Clandon Register). He was several times Churchwarden. His marriage is not in the East Clandon Register, but in the Register of Baptisms we find—
(1) Mary Skeet dau. of George Skeet, baptized 9 March 1644-5.

Neither George the elder or his son appear in the Register of Burials; they may have been slain in the great civil war which was raging between 1642 and 1645. Though the father would have been an old man to take an active part, he is mentioned in his brother John's will in 1601. In any case the registers were not regularly kept at this time. His wife's burial is recorded—1642 Clements ye wife of Georg Skeite 10 Ja. (East Clandon Register of Burials). Their other issue were—

2. Jeames 1604 sonne of George Skyte, baptized 13 Sept. and Burd. the 22 Julye 1605 (East Clandon Register).

* Tangier was a portion of the dowry of Catherine of Braganza, married to Charles II. 1661.

3. Harry Skyte sonne of George Skyte, baptized 1 Dec. 1609 (*Ibid.*). We find his marriage in 1631. Henry Skeet and Johan Martyr maryed 8 May (*Ibid.*). This family also intermarried with Skeet of Effingham. Had issue—
(t) Susan dau. of Henry Skeet, baptized 8 April 1632 (*Ibid.*).
3. Clement Skyte dau. of George Skyte, Baptized 4 March 1598. The following from London marriage licences shews her marriage: "1616 St. Dunstan's in the East Feb. 15. William Steuens of East Clandon in Surrey and Clemence Skyte of the same married by License."
4. Elizabeth daughter of George Skyte, baptized 27 Dec. 1612 (*Ibid.*). Her marriage appears in the East Clandon Register 1633. Robert More and Elizth. Skeet maryed 18 Aug.
5. June 1615. Jone dau. of George Skyte, 13 June (East Clandon Register of Burials).

Elizabeth.

IV. 3. Robert is mentioned in his brother John's will in 1601. His wife's burial is recorded in the East Clandon Register 1618-9: francis ye wife of Robert Skyte buried 6 January. We do not find his own burial. The following extracts are from his will, which is dated 2 February 1638. Therein he is described as Robert Skeete the elder of East Clandon, Surrey, husbandman. Mentions—

1. Son Robert (of whom later) and his heirs, the house, barn, orchard, and meadow in East Clandon, now in the tenure of Peter Osbourne.

(t) Elizabeth the eldest daughter of said son, the house wherein testator dwells with barn, orchard, and lands.

1. Robert, son of said son Robert, and Mary his second daughter, the lease of house and land in Abinger. Son Robert, sole executor.

Overseers, John Jordan and Thomas Davy. Witnesses, John Street and Jerome May. Proved 11 April 1639 (Surrey Arch., Harding, f. 17).

2. John, sonne of Robt. Skyte, bap. 30 June 1596 (East Clandon Register). Probably dead by 1638. Not in the East Clandon Register.

2. Mary Skyte, ye dau. of Robt. Skyte, bap. 20 Sept. 1592.

James I. and Charles I.

V. Robert Skeete of East Clandon mentioned in his father's will in 1638, then married with children. Mentioned in the hearth tax [? 188/504, Charles II.] East Clandon. Robert Skeete (or it may refer to his son, the date is doubtful) had issue—

1. Robertus filius Robti. Skeet, Bapt. 15 Nov. 1630 (East Clandon Register).

Mentioned in his grandfather's will in 1638 (of whom later).

1. Elizabeth, dau. of Robert Skyte, Baptized 29 Oct. 1620 (*Ibid.*). Mentioned as eldest granddaughter in her grandfather's will in 1638.

2. Mary, mentioned in her grandfather's will in 1638.

Robert Skeet was Buryed ye 21th of July 1657 (East Clandon Register).

Widdow Skeet was Buried the 23rd Sept. 1660 (*Ibid.*).

Charles I. (Commonwealth).

VI. Robert Skeete, born in 1630, was married at East Clandon 1652. June y^e 8 were maried Robert Skeite y^e son of Robt. Skeite and Catherine Albrooke y^e dau. of Walter Arbrooke (East Clandon Register). He was mentioned in his grandfather's will in 1638.

Hearth tax [258/4, Charles II.] Robert Skeet 3 hearthis. Elected Churchwarden St. Thomas of Canterbury, East Clandon, with Arnold Martin 29 March 1668. In the following year his signature with Robert Stint appears in the Churchwardens' Accounts. Had issue—

1. Robert, some of Robt. Skeet,* Born 27 March 1653 (East Clandon Register), of whom later.

(VII.) 2. William, sonn of Robt, baptized 15 March 1658/9 (of Pyrford). Had issue—

1. William, jun. (of whom later).
2. John, son of W^m Skeet, bap. August 17th 1688 (Pyrford Register).
1. Jean, daughter of W^m Skeet, Bap. December 27, 1689 (*Ibid.*).

This would appear to be the sale of William Skeet's property before or after his removal to Pyrford from East Clandon.—

1698. This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster on the Octave of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 10 Will. III., Between Abraham Harvest, jun., John Howell, and Richard Bensey, plaintiffs, and Anne Lyme, widow, William Freeland, William Skeete, John Sawyer, and Robert Roake, jun., and Susanna his wife, defendants, of two messuages, one cottage, three barns, three gardens, four orchards, forty-eight acres of land, six acres of meadow, eight acres of pasture, and four acres of wood with appurtenances in Horsell and East Clandon, By which the said defendants acknowledge the said lands with appurtenances to be the right of the said plaintiffs, and for which the said plaintiffs gave the aforesaid defendants. £120 sterling. (10-11 Will. III., Hilary, Edle. 879.)

(VIII.) William Skeet, jun., married at Wisley, 24 Oct. 1705, Mary Morgan, both of the Parish of Pyrford (Wisley Register). Had issue—

1. William (of whom later).
1. Mary, daughter of W^m Skeet, jun., Bapt. June 27, 1713 (Pyrford Register); married May 31st 1741 at Wisley, Samuel Webb (Wisley Register).
2. Jane, daughter of W^m Skeet, jun., Bapt. August 27, 1717 (Pyrford Register).

William Skeet was buried at Pyrford July 11th 1731 (*Ibid.*).

(IX.) William Skeet married Elizabeth. Had issue—

1. John the son of William and Elizabeth Skeet was bap. June 6th 1736 (Pyrford Register).
John the son of William and Elizabeth Skeet was buried Oct. 12th 1736 (*Ibid.*).
2. William the son of W^m and Elizabeth Skeet was bap. Nov. 15, 1737 (*Ibid.*).

William Skeet was buried 15th Feby. 1745 (*Ibid.*).

3. Johannes et Bathshebah gemelli Robti Skeet, Bapt. 1^o Aprilis 1662 (East Clandon Register).

Johannes filius Roberti Skeet, sepult 27 Oct. 1670 (*Ibid.*),

1. Bathshebah, ye dau. of Robert Skeet, buried 26 March 1663 (*Ibid.*).
2. Elizabetha, filia Roberti Skeet, bapt. 13 Dec. 1664 (*Ibid.*).
3. Maria, filia Roberti Skeet, bapt. 25 August 1667 (*Ibid.*).
- Robertus Skeet, sepultus Januarii dei sexto 1669 (*Ibid.*).

* During the time of the Commonwealth children were not baptized in the churches, the date of the birth only was entered in the Parish Registers.

Charles II.

VII. Robert Skeet, born in 1653, is mentioned in the Feet of Fines as follows :—
1689.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster one month after St. Michael's Day, 1st William and Mary, Between Nathaniel Woods, Lionel Rawlins, Lawrence Porter, Jonathan Waterer, and Thomas Fulke, plaintiffs, and William Skeete, Robert Skeete and Katherine his wife, John Streete, gent., and Ann his wife, Robert Stint and Mary his wife, defendants, of one messuage, one cottage, three gardens, ten acres of land, eight acres of meadow, and two acres of pasture with their appurtenances in East Clandon, by which the said defendants acknowledge the said lands with appurtenances to belong of right to the said plaintiffs, and by this acknowledgement the same plaintiffs have given the said defendants £60 sterling. (1 William and Mary, Mich. Term, Bdle. 878.)

Had issue :—

1. Robert, baptized at East Clandon, 8 February 1680 (East Clandon Register), of whom later.
2. Thomas, baptized at East Clandon, 2 January 1686/7 (*Ibid.*). Thomas, son of Goodman Skeet, Buried at East Clandon, Feb. 27, 1714 (*Ibid.*).
 1. Katherine, dau. of Robt. Skeet, Bapt. 19 Oct. 1683 (*Ibid.*).
1695/6 Buried Katherine Skeet, spinster, 19 Mar. (*Ibid.*).
 2. Mary, dau. of Robt. Skeet, born 6 Mar., bapt. 5 April 1696 (*Ibid.*).
Jan. ye 29, 1738, buried Robt. Skeat (*Ibid.*).

George I.

VIII. Robert Skeet of East Clandon married Frances.

1742.

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster fifteen days after Easter Day, 15 George II., Between Henry Martin, plaintiff, and Robert Skeet and Frances his wife, defendants, of one messuage, one garden and one orchard, with appurtenances in East Clandon, by which the said Robert and Frances Skeet acknowledge the said land with appurtenances to belong of right to the said Henry Martin, and by this acknowledgement the same plaintiff gave the aforesaid defendants £60 sterling. (15 George II., Easter, Bdle. 1218.)

Unabsorbed references to the Skeet family from the Send Register :—

Ann the daughter of Henry Skeet, Wheeler, baptized May 28th 1705.

Richard Skeet, Churchwarden in 1707.

SKEET OF EGHAM.

Henry VIII.

Original Will of Bartholomew Skite of Egham in Surrey, yeoman, dated 26 Dec. 1558. To be buried in the parish churchyard of Egham. Mentions sons—

1. William.
2. Robert.
3. John (called daughter in the will). The will of John Skeat, curate of Richmond, was proved 1580.

1. Annys.
2. Margaret.
3. Alyce.
4. Maide.

Residuary legatees and executors son Robert Skyte and daughter Maide Skyte. Overseers, Thomas Norryce and John Barnys. Proved 3 Jan. 1558-9.

The following from the Lay Subsidies refers to the above:—

[184/183, 33 Hen. VIII.] Bartholomew Skytt, tax for goods x^s (Chobham). Robert Skytt, tax for his goods xii^s vi^d ? rubbed very much (Chertsey).

[184/174, 26 Hen. VIII.] Robert Skyte, in goods xx^{li}, tax x^s (Chertsey).

[185/229, 37 Hen. VIII.] Bartholomew Skete, in goods x^{li}, tax v^s (Chobham). Robert Skete, in goods xx^{li}, tax xxvj^s viij^d (Chertsey).

The only entries in the Egham Register are:—

Edward (Farmer?) and Allvis Skeete was maryed on Sonnedie, being ye yrci daye of September 1575.

Robtus Skeete and Rebecca Dill, matrimonis . . . die 6^o 1576; . . . Staynd? maryed to Maide Skeete ye x daie of October 1561.

Robt. Skeet was buryed fiftenth day of November 1602.

Margaret Skeet, an old woman, buried the 13 day of October 1596.

Mary the daughter of Robt. Skeett, baptized 6 of Maye 1593.

Filius Robti Skeet, baptized . . . day of November 1587.

Robtus filius Robti Skeete, baptized ye . . . die May 1580.

Anye? the daughter of Robti Skeet, baptiz ye . . . of June 1577.

. . . ? Skeyt, daughter of W^m Skeyt, baptized . . . day of June 1574.

The following extracts from the Feet of Fines refer to Skeet of Egham:—

1596.

This is the final agreement made on the morrow of the anniversary of the 38th year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Between Matthew Switzer, plaintiff, and Robert Skight and Elizabeth his wife, defendants, of one messuage, two gardens, two orchards, sixteen acres of land, ten acres of meadow, eight acres of pasture, and two acres of wood, with their appurtenances in Egham, which the said Robert and Elizabeth acknowledge to belong of right to Matthew Swytzer, who has paid them £100 sterling. (Notes of Fines, 38-39 Elizabeth, Mich. Term.)

This is the final agreement made in the Court of Our Lord the King at Westminster, on the octave of St. Hilary, 10 George II., between Thomas Reynolds and Edward Nettlefold, plaintiffs, and Benjamin Skeat and Mary his wife, defendants, of one messuage, two cottages, and six acres of land with appurtenances in Kingston-upon-Thames, by which the said Benjamin and Mary Skeat acknowledge the said lands with appurtenances to belong of right to the aforesaid Thomas Reynolds and Edward Nettlefold, and by this acknowledgement the same plaintiffs have given the aforesaid defendants £60 sterling. (10 George II., Hilary, Bde. 1217.)

SKEET OF REYGATE.

(Probably descended from Skeet of Egham.)

James II.

There were three of the name living at Reigate at the end of the 17th century—John, George, and Thomas.

Richard, son of John Skeet, baptized April 19, 1695.

William, son of John and Elizabeth Skeet, baptized January 13, 1702 (supposed not to be the same John as above; this one only a day labourer).

Ann, daughter of George Skeet, baptized July 25, 1697.

Richard, son of Thomas Skeet, baptized September 26, 1698.

Mary, daughter of Thomas Skeet and Mary his wife, baptized December 7, 1690.

Richard Skeet married to Margaret Robinson September 6, 1718.

William, son of Richard Skeet, was baptized October 9, 1724.

Richard, son of Richard Skeet, was baptized March 8, 1726.

Richard Skeet was buried January 18, 1736.

The above are from the Reigate Register. The will which follows refers to the same family:—

Will of Elizabeth Alder of Ebbisham (now Epsom). To William Skeet, son of Richard Skeet of Reygate, £5. Sarah, daughter of Richard Skeet, £20, also two gold rings and three silver spoons. Margaret, wife of the said Richard Skeet, £10. (Surrey Arch.)

There is still a farm at Leigh, three miles south-west from Reigate, known as "Skeet's farm."

TENTATIVE PEDIGREE OF SKEAT OF ST. GEORGE'S, HANOVER SQUARE.

Traditionally descended from Skeet of Surrey.

Thomas Skeat, bur. at St. George's, = Elizabeth, bur. at St. George's
Hanover Square, 19 Nov. 1751 (?). 1 April 1750 (?).

Alexander Skeat of = Elizabeth
St. George's, Han- Sheppard,
over Square. Will mar. at St.
dated 14 Feb. 1753; George's
proved 6 Mar. 1759 18 Jan.
(P.C.C., Arran, 107). 1740.

(Mrs.) Mary = Henry Skeat of St. = Margaret Hassell, mar. at
Skeat, mar. at George's, Hanover
St. George's Square. Will dated
26 Feb. 1744. 4 Jan. 1774; proved
1st wife. 12 Jan. 1775; men-
tions cousin Wil-
liam of Park Street.

St. George's, Hanover
Square, 2 June 1755. In
her husband's will. Her
own will proved 31 March
1797; mentions dau. and
only next-of-kin Elizabeth
Holding. 2nd wife.

John, son of Alexander and
Elizabeth Skeat; born at St.
George's 26 April 1747;
died 13 Aug. 1749 (?).

Hannah, an infant, men-
tioned in her father's will.

Henry, bapt. 14 Aug.,
died 6 Sept. 1745.

George, bapt. 10 Nov.
1746; in father's will;
alive in 1774.

Mary, in father's will.

William,
bapt. at St.
George's,
Hanover
Square,
25 Nov.
1757.

Elizabeth, bapt. at St. George's
26 Nov. 1758; mar. there, 1st,
17 July 1766, as a minor (with
consent of Mary Skeat, widow,
mother), Isaac Hancock, minor
(with consent of Daniel Han-
cock, father); 2ndly, William
Holding; as Eliz. Holding in
mother's will.

George Skeat, son of Thomas=Ann.
and Elizabeth Skeat, bapt. at
St. George's 29 Sept. 1728.
Will proved 6 Nov. 1758.

Henry, son of Thomas=Elizabeth Hinton of St. James's,
and Elizabeth Skeat; Westminster, mar. at St. George's,
bapt. at St. George's Hanover Square, 28 Oct. 1750.
3 Jan. 1730.

Catherine, dau. of George and Ann Skeat, b. at St. George's Oct. 1750.

Richard Skeat (W.),=Mary Olliff,
son of Thomas and mar. at St.
Elizabeth Skeat; bapt. George's 2
at St. George's 15 Sept 1758.
March 1732.

William Skeat, son of Thomas and Eliza=Mary Goodall, mar.
beth Skeat; bapt. at St. George's 12 Aug. at St. George's, by
1735. Will dated 14 Jan., codicil 15 Jan. licence, 31 March
1777; mentions Isaac Hancock as a trustee; leasehold in Mount Street;
proved 15 July 1777 (P.C.C., Colier, 330). 1757.

Edmond, bapt. at St.
George's 20 March
1764; mar., 11 June
1792, Harriot Eliza-
beth, dau. of Mrs.
Mary Barlow of St.
Margaret's, West-
minster. Will proved
13 June 1794.

Richard, bapt. at St. George's
10 April 1768.

William, bapt. at St. George's
3 Jan. 1773; mar. there, 21
Jan. 1796, Ann Watson.

Mary, bapt. at St.
George's 1 May
1760.

Caroline, bapt. at
St. George's 6 Feb.
1767.

Harriotte, bapt. at St.
George's 25 June
1769.

Anne Batson, bapt. at
St. George's 29 July
1771.

Richard, bapt. at St. George's
10 Sept. 1759.

William, bapt. at St. George's
2 May 1762; bur. there
4 Sept. 1762.

Henry, bapt. at St. George's
13 Sept. 1762.

Thomas, bapt. at St. George's
5 Oct. 1765.

Joseph, bapt. at St. George's
22 Dec. 1771.

William,=Susannah
bapt. at St. Marvin.
George's
1 Aug.
1768.

Catherine, bapt.
at St. George's
23 March 1764.

Mary, bapt. at
St. George's 28
July 1770; in
father's will.

William, of Mount=Sarah, dau. of Timothy
Street, Park Lane, Bluck by Sarah, dau. of
W., bapt. at St. . . . Bird; born 1798;
George's 10 Feb. died at Park Hill House,
1790; died 1870. Carshalton, 8 March
1872.

Susannah, bapt.
at St. George's
11 Sept. 1788;
died 1873.

Francis Jones of=Clara Staven-
Granville Park, hagen, born
Blackheath, born 1818; mar.
1811; died 1885. 1839; died
1898.

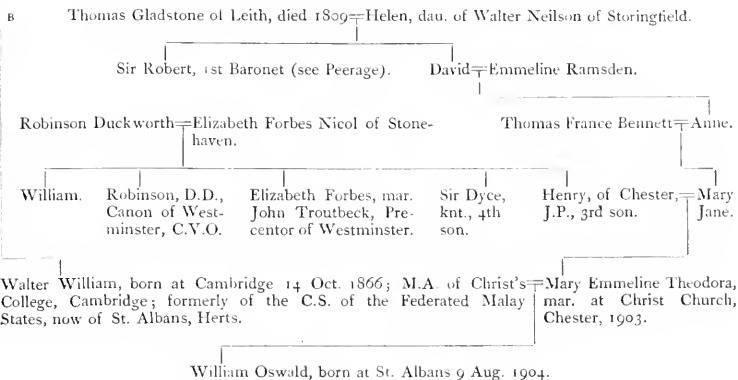
Walter William, born 21 Nov., bapt. 21 Dec. 1835 at St. George's; Clerk in Holy Orders of the Church of England, Professor of Anglo-Saxon in the University of Cambridge, M.A., Litt.D., F.B.A., Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, author of many learned works; now (1906) of Salisbury Villas, Cambridge.

Bertha Clara, born
1840; mar. at Lewis-
ham Parish Church
15 Nov. 1860.

Arthur Percival, born at Cambridge=Matilda Vance, mar.
6 May 1871; now of Dominica, at the Cathedral,
B.W.I. Barbadoes, 1903.

Bertha Marian.
—
Clara Lilian.

Ethel Gertrude.
—
Margaret Frances.



Unabsorbed members of this branch from the Registers of St. George's, Hanover Square, are :—

Baptism.

1735, Mar. 17, Susanna Skeat, dau. of Benjamin and Mary Skeat.

Marriages.

1766, Mar. 9, W^m Skeet of St. George's, Hanover Sq., and Ann Ede of Bansted, co. Surrey.

1769, Jan. 22, Richard Spearing and Mary Skate.

1774, Oct. 3, John Baldwin and Mary Skeat.

1778, May 8, Michael Chalk of Hadley and Mary Skeat of St. George's, Han. Sq.

1797, Feb. 20, Isaac Skeates and Harriet Mayriss.

1810, Sept. 19, Wm. Skeet and Emily Page.

Burials.

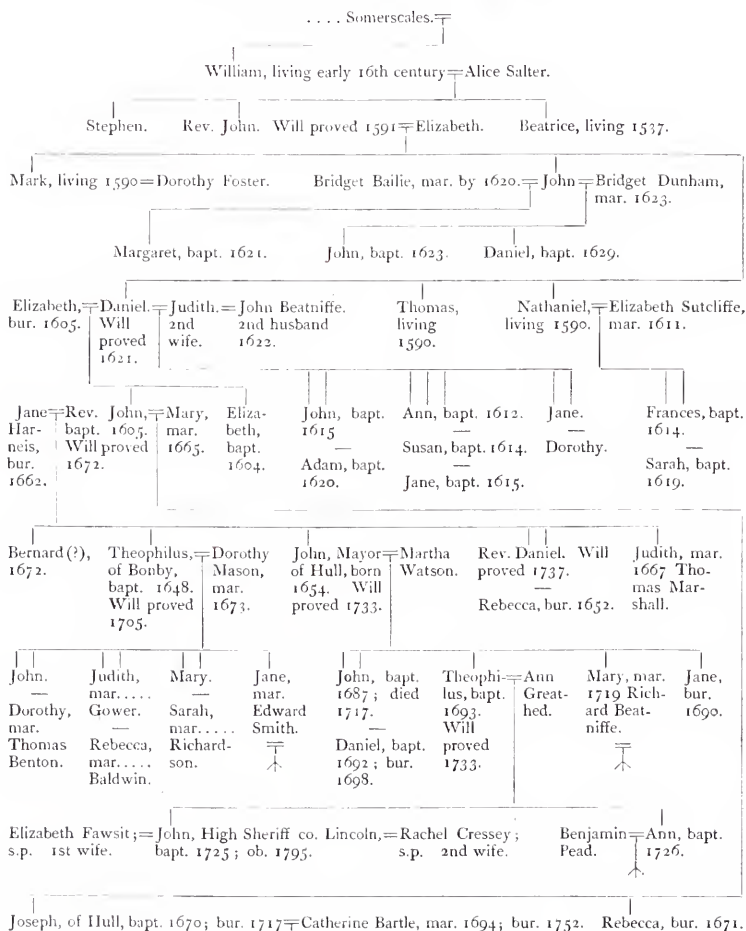
1733, June 15, Walter Skeats.

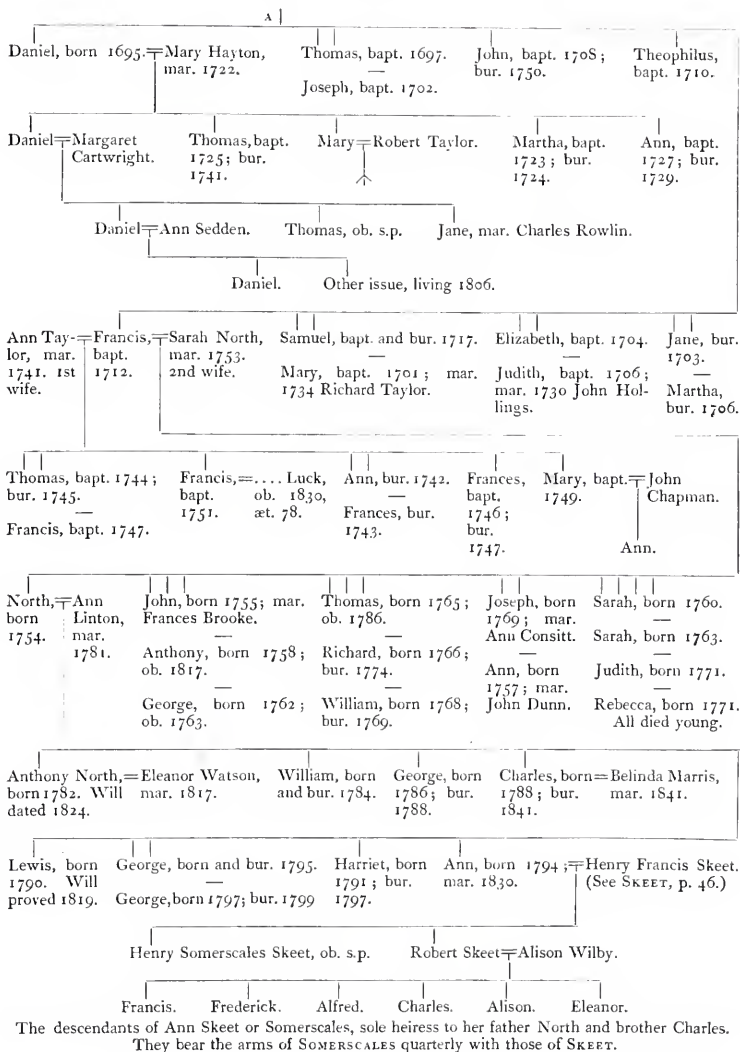
1734, June 6, Thomas Skate.

1736, Apr. 29, Susanna Skeat.

1751, Oct. 30, Thomas Skeat.

Pedigree of Somerscales of Grimsby, co. Lincoln, and Kingston-upon-Hull, co. York.





THE FAMILY OF SOMERSCALES.

SOMERSCALES OF GRIMSBY, CO. LINCOLN, AND KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, CO. YORKS, ETC.



ARMS.—*Per pale argent and or, on a bend sable three gadflies volant proper.*

“I will Somers’ scales and Talbots’ test abide,
And with their mark please all the world beside.”—*Swift.*

“Summerscales Hamlet is situated just outside the western corner of Knaresborough Forest, within the Deanery of Craven, on the road from Knaresborough to Skipton, near Hazlewood. Four out of the five householders there now call it Summersgill, and it is so written on their tax carts; but the fifth householder, the local blacksmith and innkeeper, believed the right name to be Summerscales. The local meaning of the word ‘scale’ is a long steep ascent over or through high ground. Here there is an ascent of five or six miles from Bolton Bridge over the Wharf by the side of Hazlewood Moor to Knaresborough Forest. The place gives the name to the family of Summerscales, now spelt Somerscales, as well as to the family of Summersgill; both names are still known in the locality.” (Note by H. F. Skeet, 1844.) Professor Skeet gives the derivation: “A scale, in North English, is a shed or temporary hut; Somerscales means a place formerly occupied by summer-sheds or temporary shelters.”

The family is a very ancient one in the north of England. The name occurs several times in the Comptus of Bolton Abbey, Yorks, which begins 1290 and ends 1325.

SOMERSCALES OF CRAVEN.

I have been able to find but little information concerning this family. The Somerscales of Lincolnshire had probably migrated there from Yorkshire, a few of the family remaining in the former county.

John, the last of the family of Lacy, of Cromwellbothom, Halifax, Yorks. Had:—

1. Thomas Lacy of Longworth, co. Lanes, Esq.
2. John, s.p.
1. Bridget, married to Thomas Somerscales of Gishorn in Craven.
2. Another dau., married to Richard Monke, also of Gishorn.
3. Margaret, married to Robert Bladen of Himsworth, near Pontefract.

Arms of Lacy of Cromwellbothom: Or, a lion rampant, purple langued and armed, azure. Bearing the same arms as the Earls of Lincoln of that name, from whom it seems plain to me they descended. (Watson's "History of Halifax.")

The following extracts shew they were living in the Deanery of Craven in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries:—

VICARS OF GARGRAVE IN THE COUNTY OF YORK.

Elizabeth.

Temp. Inst.	Vicarii.	Patroni.	Vac.
21 Nov. 1600	Arthur Somerscales, Cl.	Hen. Somerscales	Per mort.

RECTORES DE BURNSAL IN THE COUNTY OF YORK.

Mary.

Temp. Inst.	Vicarii.	Patroni.	Vac.
10 Sept. 1554	D's. Ric. Sommerscales, Cl.	Joh Lambert De Calton.	Per mort.

(Whitaker's "History of Craven.")

SOMERSCALES OF SILSDEN, CO. YORKS.

I. William Somerscales of Silsden. Had issue:—

1. William, married three times; died without issue, leaving his nephew Joseph a place called Yardland, another called Lifeland, and other property.
2. Richard (of whom later).

II. Richard. Had issue:—

1. John.
2. Henry.
3. Joseph, said to have been educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. (At St. John's College there was an A.B. of that name 1731.) He had been at school at Silsden with a Mr. Walker, a celebrated astrologer. He was afterwards Rector of Evenlode, co. Worcester; married Alicia . . . had one dau., Anne, who died 1830, and a son, a clergyman, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who died without issue.
4. Benjamin.
5. William.
6. Richard (of whom later).
1. Ann, living at Addersbury, near Banbury, in 1818, then about 65.

III. Richard. Had issue:—

IV. 1. John, æt. 74 in 1818. Gave North Somerscales of Hull the above information. Had issue:—

1. William, æt. 30 in 1818. Then married, with an infant son and two daughters, his wife living in 1854 (of whom later).
2. John, died in 1852. Father of John, a solicitor in Oldham in 1854.
3. Another son, who was dead in 1838. Had had a son, John, perhaps the solicitor mentioned above.

V. William. Had issue:—

1. North, living in 1854.
 2. Richard, living in 1854.
- Several daughters.

The above pedigree is taken from an account in an old MS. book of a visit paid by North Somerscales of Hull to John Somerscales above in 1818, and from a letter written by North Somerscales above to Mrs. H. F. Skeet from Silsden 24 Oct. 1854. He states *inter alia*: "I was christened North in consequence of the North Somerscales you represent as being father, requesting my parents to call the next son they had North."

The family for generations had been buried in Kidwick Church, where there were many monuments to them.

SOMERSCALES OF GRIMSBY, CO. LINCOLN.

Henry VII.

I. William Somerscales, living early in the sixteenth century, married Alice, daughter of John Salter of East Keal. Had issue:—

1. Stephen.
2. John (of whom later).
1. Beatrice, devisee of leases in John Salter's will 10 Aug. 1557.

Henry VIII., Mary, and Elizabeth.

II. John Somerscales, "Minister of God's Word" at Beesby, Lincoln. His family must have at once conformed to the changed religion. England was severed from Rome in 1534. The Pilgrimage of Grace, an insurrection in the northern counties, where the people generally retained a strong attachment to the ancient doctrines, broke out in 1536. He married Elizabeth before 1572, some time during the reign of Elizabeth, and she was executrix to his will, which is dated 20 November 1590. Proved 13 April 1591. Her will is dated 25 September, and proved 2 October 1594. She was then of Alford. They had issue:—

James I.

1. Mark of Belton in Isle of Axholme, Clerk ("eldest son" in father's will), aged 42 in 1614; married Dorothy, widow of . . . Foster, by licence in 1614. She was then 34 years of age.
2. John of Grimsby; married first Bridget Balie at Grimsby 21 May 1620, who was buried there 18 April 1622. Had issue:—
 - (1) Margaret, baptized at Grimsby 29 March 1621; buried there 14 April 1621.

He married secondly Bridget Dunham at Grimsby 19 January 1622-3. Had issue:—

- (1) John, baptized 2 October, buried 5th October 1623 at Grimsby.
- (2) Daniel, baptized 29 November, buried 30 November 1629 at Grimsby.
3. Daniel (of whom later).
4. Thomas.
5. Nathaniel, youngest son in 1590; married Elizabeth, daughter of . . . Sutcliffe by 6 February 1611-12. Had issue:—
 - (1) Frances, baptized at Grimsby 1 May 1614.
 - (2) Sarah, baptized at Grimsby 17 October 1619.

James I.

III. Daniel, Alderman of Grimsby. Will dated 23 May. Proved 2 July 1621. To be buried in Church of St. James, Grimsby. Married first Elizabeth, buried at Grimsby 1 December 1605, by whom he had:—

1. John (of whom later).
1. Elizabeth, baptized at Grimsby 7 April 1604.

He married secondly Judith (who as his widow remarried at Grimsby 18 June 1622 John Beaufille). Had issue:—

2. John, baptized at Grimsby 21 March 1615-16.
3. Adam, baptized at Grimsby 9 October 1620.
2. Jane, twin with John, baptized at Grimsby 21 March 1615-16.
3. Anne, baptized at Grimsby 16 August 1612.
4. Susan, baptized at Grimsby 21 April 1614.
5. Jane.
6. Dorothy.

The history of the family to this point is taken from Vol. III. of "Lincolnshire Pedigrees," by the Rev. Canon A. R. Maddison.

The outbreak of the great Civil War was the occasion of many persons flocking to the great cities. The Somerscales family were settled in Hull before the sons of the parson of Croxton went there.

On 2 June 1652 Martha, daughter of Ralph Somerscales, was baptized at Holy Trinity Church, Hull. Thomas Somerscales obtained his freedom by purchase there 20 April 1654, and Francis on the 8 February 1658.

1662. Thomas Somerscales was taken out of a Quaker's meeting-house and confined in Mallay Tower twenty hours. (See "Memoirs of John Shawe," at that time Lecturer and Master of God's House Hospital, Hull.)

Dorothy Somerscales married Joseph Carver at Holy Trinity Church 26 October 1687.

James I. and Charles I.

IV. Rev. John Somerscales was baptized at Grimsby 8 September 1605. He was inducted to the living of Croxton, co. Lincoln, 1 December 1640. In the Parish Register he always signed himself "Parson," so that he was a true King's man or Episcopalian.

On 3 October 1859 Henry Francis Skeet and his wife Anne (*née* Somerscales) proceeded to New Holland, Lincolnshire, by the packet, from thence by rail to Barrow and Ulceby, whence they walked to Croxton Rectory house to search the register for the second marriage of John Somerscales. It was on the right hand corner of a page, which from being frequently turned over had become almost obliterated. They could only satisfy themselves as to the Christian name, Mary. The Rector, Mr. Cox, thought the maiden name was Benson, which was probable, as Holden Benson had signed his name as a witness to the marriage of the eldest daughter with Thomas Marshall.

There were only three monuments in the church. The house, with the exception of two rooms, which Mr. Cox had added, was the same as when John Somerscales lived there. The church is on a hill; it was formerly much larger, only one end remaining.

The Rev. John married first, Jane, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Harneis of Laceyby, 23 August 1661; baptized at Laceyby 16 April 1622; buried at Croxton 20 July 1662. (Her grandfather, John Harneis of Laceyby, married Jane, daughter of William Somerscales; buried 4 March 1612.) By whom he had:—

- (1) Bernard 1672-3 (given in Lincolnshire Pedigrees, Harl. Soc. 1904, very doubtful).
1. Theophilus (see later).
2. John (see later).
3. Daniel, of Jesus College, Cambridge, A.B. 1676, A.M. 1680. Inducted to the Rectory of Doddington and Newnham, co. Kent, 9 June 1694. Died at Doddington 30 June 1737, aged 79; buried 6 July 1737.

Will of the Rev. Daniel Somerscales, extracted from the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. This will is in full, as apart from its genealogical value it is typical of the time:—

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Daniel Somerscales, Vicar of Doddington in the County of Kent, do by this my last Will and Testament give and bequeath to my niece Mrs. Benton, daughter of my late brother, Theophilus Somerscales, fifty pounds, and to her nine children ten pounds apiece. Item, I give to my nephew John Somerscales, son of my said late brother Theophilus, fifty pounds, and to this the said John's daughter fifty pounds. Item, I give to the son and two Daughters of my late niece Judith West, deceased, five pounds apiece. Item, I give to my four nieces, Richardson, Gower, Smith, and Baldwin or Baldock, being the daughters of my late brother Theophilus, fifty pounds apiece. Item, I give to the widow of Theophilus, the son of my late brother John Somerscales, fifty pounds. Item, I give to the sons and daughters of my niece Mary Beatniff, fifty pounds among them, and to the children of my late half-brother Joseph Somerscales, ten pounds apiece, all which legacies I will shall be paid in one year next after my decease, and all the residue of my goods and chattels and personal estate I bequeath to the Rev. Samuel Lyall, D.D., Archdeacon of Canterbury, for such pious and charitable uses as he shall think fit, and I make the said Doctor Samuel Lyall sole exor. of this my last Will and Testament, and I do desire my said Executor to employ such agent or agents to assist him in the management of my estate as he shall think proper, and that my said executor shall and may retain to himself the sum of fifty pounds for mourning, and shall be allowed all just and reasonable charges in and about the management of my affairs, with proper gratuities to such his agent or agents, and I will that my said executor shall not bear any loss that may happen in my said estate. And I desire that my body may be interred with as much privacy as may consist with decency, hereby reserving to myself power to add by way of codicil any other legacy or legacies to any of my kindred or relations. Witness my hand and seal this twenty-fourth day of June 1737,

D. S.

Signed, Sealed and declared by the said Daniel Somerscales as his last Will and Testament. The testator, the Rev'd. Mr. Somerscales, hath declared this four and twentieth day of June 1737 that this is his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, Thos. Crownfields, Jn. Skeere, Ed. Dering.

Whereas I, Daniel Somerscales, Clerk, by my last Will and Testament have reserved to myself power to add by way of codicil any other legacy or legacies to any of my kindred or relations, I do by this Codicil give to my kindred who are legatees in my last Will such further like legacies as are intended for them in my said Will over and above the legacies to them given by my said Will, so that each of such my kindred shall receive out of my estate double the sums intended for them respectively as legacies by my said Will. And moreover I give and bequeath to my nieces Benton, Richardson, Gower, Smith, and Baldwin, and to my nephew John Somerscales and his daughter, and to Theophilus

Somerscales, widow, twenty pounds apiece for mourning. And also give thirty pounds to be divided among the children of the said Mrs. Benton and of the said Mrs. West and of Mrs. Beatriff and Joseph Somerscales as near as conveniently can be done in proportion to the legacies given to them by my said Will and this present codicil, all which legacies to my kindred given by my said Will amount to six hundred and five pounds, and the same doubled to them by this codicil and the other legacies here given to them do amount to the sum of fourteen hundred pounds, all which being added to about eleven hundred pounds by me given to my kindred in my lifetime make up two thousand five hundred pounds, which I conceive to be a sufficient provision for them out of my estate. Witness my hand and seal the twenty-sixth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-Seven.

[D. S.]

Signed, sealed and published by the said Daniel Somerscales as a Codicil to his Will in the presence of us. The testator, the Rev'd. Mr. Somerscales, hath declared this six and twentieth day of June 1737 that he does approve of this Codicil, and that he would have it esteemed as part of his Will bearing date the twenty-fourth of this instant June, in the presence of us, Thos. Crownfield, Jn. Skeere, and Ed. Dering.

Proved at London (with a Codicil) 17th Aug. 1737 before the Worshipful Robert Chapman, Dr. of Laws and Surrogate, by the oath of the Rev'd. Samuel Lisle, Doctor in Divinity, Archdeacon of Canterbury, the sole executor to whom Admon. was granted, being first sworn duly to administer.

NATH. GOSTLING, } Deputy
R. C. CAPWILL, } Registrars.
GEO. JENNER, }

Dr. Lisle founded the Somerscales Exhibition, Wadham College, Oxford, with a portion of this money.

TABLET TO MEMORY OF REV. DANIEL SOMERSCALES IN DODDINGTON CHURCH.

Huic Juxta
Deponuntur exuviæ
Danieli Somerscales
Hujus ecclesiæ de Doddington Vicarii A.M.
(item) de Newnham. Per XLIIJ annos ressarctas
rite graviter administravit religionem
evangelicam tum privatim tum publicè
docendo, monendo declaravit, vivendo exposuit
Vir (equidem) erat pietate eximiâ ;
Moribus sanctissimis, simplicitate innocentiâ
Humilitate ad normam Christianam compositis
Mirâ profacultatum ratione munificentia
Præter enim quotidiana in quoslibet dignos beneficia,
Suos quoque per totam vitam liberaliter fovebat ;
Societatem clericorum viduis et orphanis sublevandis
institutum copiose (munivit)
Domum hanc clericam (or decanam) perpetuæ
Successorum commoditati prospiciens
E fundamentis extrui fecit
Si quæris undetante largitati suffecerit

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Fors (audias) suum apud animum statuisse
 Se non sibi soli sed et Deo hominibusque demerendis natum
 Cœlibem parcam ætatem egisse
 In quæ natura postulat contentum
 Cætera pietati et charitati seposuisse
 Non enim recondidit ut prosideret
 Sed ut elargiretur
 Rei familiaris partem longè maximam
 Cognatis moriens legavit, quod reliquum
 erat publice dicavit commodo
 Obiit XXX (June) anno Ætatis suæ LXXIX
 Salutis MDCCXXXVII.

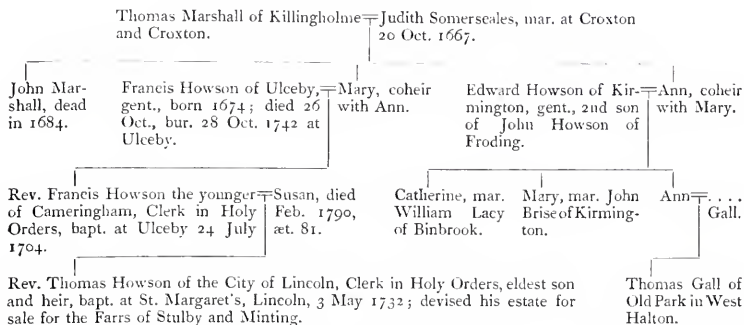
Translation :—

Near Here
 are deposited the remains
 of Daniel Somerscales, A.M.
 Vicar of this church of Doddington
 and Newnham. For 43 years he performed
 his sacred duties with regularity and gravity.
 The faith of the Gospel he declared by teaching
 and admonishing both privately and publicly
 and exemplified it in his life. He was indeed a man
 of very saintlike character, ordered in simplicity,
 innocence, and philanthropy after the Christian
 model. Of surprising munificence in proportion
 to his means. For besides his daily acts of
 Charity to all deserving persons, those also his
 kindred through his whole life he liberally aided.
 He subscribed largely to the Society for the support of the Widows and Orphans
 of Clergy. This parsonage (or chancel) he built from the
 foundations, having an eye to the perpetual convenience of his
 successors. If you ask whence his means for such great
 bounty, perhaps you may be told he had settled in his
 mind that he was born not for himself
 alone, but for serving God and man.
 That he led a celibate and frugal life, that
 contented with what nature requires, the rest
 he set apart for piety and charity.
 For he did not lay up that he might possess,
 but that he might bestow the more freely.
 By far the greater part of his property
 He left at his death to relatives, the rest
 he devoted to the public good.
 He died the 30 (June) in the year of his
 age 79, of our Salvation 1737.

Extract from letter from Major Smith to H. F. Skeet : " I send you herein copy of the inscription on the tablet to the memory of Daniel Somerscales, made by the son of the Vicar. The tablet is within the communion rails. On the tombstone is merely the name and date. The translation is by Mr. Dolling, Rector of Wormshill, who says there are mistakes in the transcription, "didivit" for "munivit," "extrui fecit" for "extruendam fecit." (Maidstone, April 4, 1864.)

1. Judith, married Thomas Marshall of Kirlington at Croxton 20 October 1667, younger brother of Robert Marshall of Killingholme and Croxton.

MARSHALL OF KILLINGHOLME.



For pedigree of Howson of Seunthorpe in Frodingham, see "Lincolnshire Pedigrees" (Harleian Society, 1903).

Arms (in Berry): "Quarterly argent and sable, four roundles counterchanged."

In 1853 the Rev. John Byron of Killingholme was the representative of the Killingholme Marshalls. Killingholme is near the Humber, ten miles north-west of Grimsby. Kirlington is eight miles north-east of Caistor, Lincolnshire.

The arms of Marshall, co. Lincoln, as given by York in his "Union of Honour, 1640," are, "Sable, three barres argent, and canton, ermines."

2. Rebecca, buried at Croxton 1652.

The Rev. John Somerseaes married secondly, at Croxton, 2 November 1665, Mary . . . by whom he had:—

4. Joseph (of whom later).
3. Rebecca, buried at Croxton 20 December 1671.

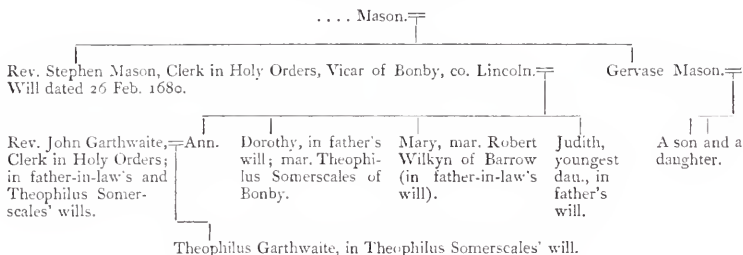
Charles I.

V. (1) Theophilus of Bonby, gentleman, was baptized at Croxton 20 January 1648; married at Bonby, Lincolnshire, 1673, Dorothy, daughter of Stephen Mason, where her father was Vicar.

The Rev. Stephen Mason, by his will, bequeathed his library to his son-in-law John Garthwaite, Clerk, and to his son-in-law Theophilus Somerseaes his pacing mare, which was given to him by Thomas Frewen, Esq. It is possible this Thomas Frewen married Judith Mason, as near Archbishop Frewen's monument in York Minster, March 28th, 1664, there is another inscription which mentions: "Judith, the wife of Thomas Frewen, Esq., who died 29 September 1666, in the 27th year of her age." She was, perhaps, sister to Stephen Mason.

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FAMILY OF MASON.



The will of Theophilus Somerscales is dated 20 February 1704. It mentions—

- (1) John Somerscales.
- (1) Dau. Jane, £200.
- (2) Dau. Rebecca.
- (3) Dau. Mary.

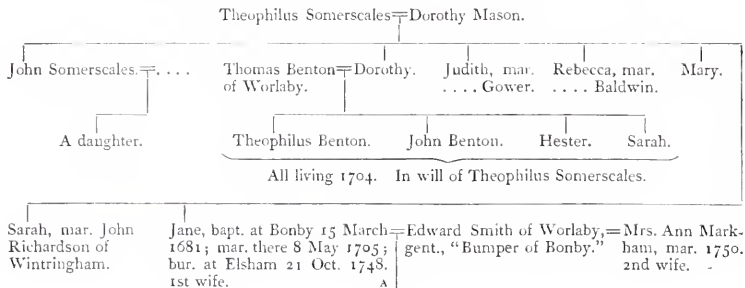
To the last-named two daus. all lands at Goxhill in the county of Lincoln, which I purchased from my brother John Somerscales and Gowen Stephenson. And also all my lands and hereditaments in Ulceby in the county of Lincoln, which I purchased from Charles Cressey and Anne his wife. Brother John Somerscales of Kingston-upon-Hull, merchant, appointed guardian and trustee to the above daughters.

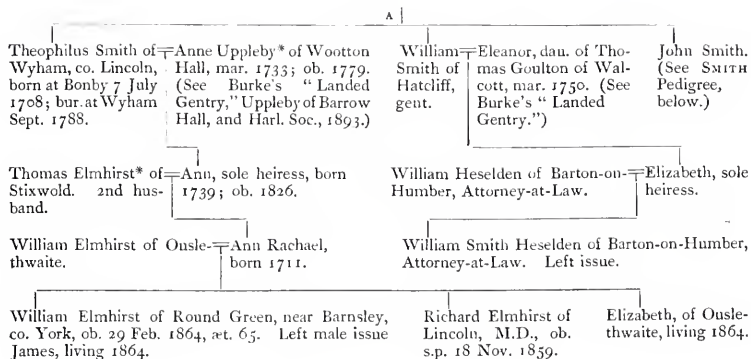
- (4) Dau. Sarah, £30.
- (5) Dau. Dorothy, the wife of Thos. Binton.

Brother-in-law John Garthwaite, 40s. to preach my funeral sermon. Godson Theophilus Garthwaite, son of John Garthwaite. Residue to second dau. Judyth Somerscales, sole executrix. Witnesses, John Jackhill, Francis Gee, Thomas Gee, jun., Thomas Gee, sen.

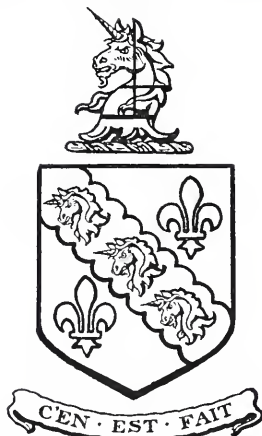
Proved 27 December 1705 by the executrix. Original will at Registry of Lincoln (1857).

DESCENDANTS OF THEOPHILUS SOMERSCALES OF BONBY.





PEDIGREE OF SMITH, SOME TIME OF ELSHAM, CO. LINCOLN.



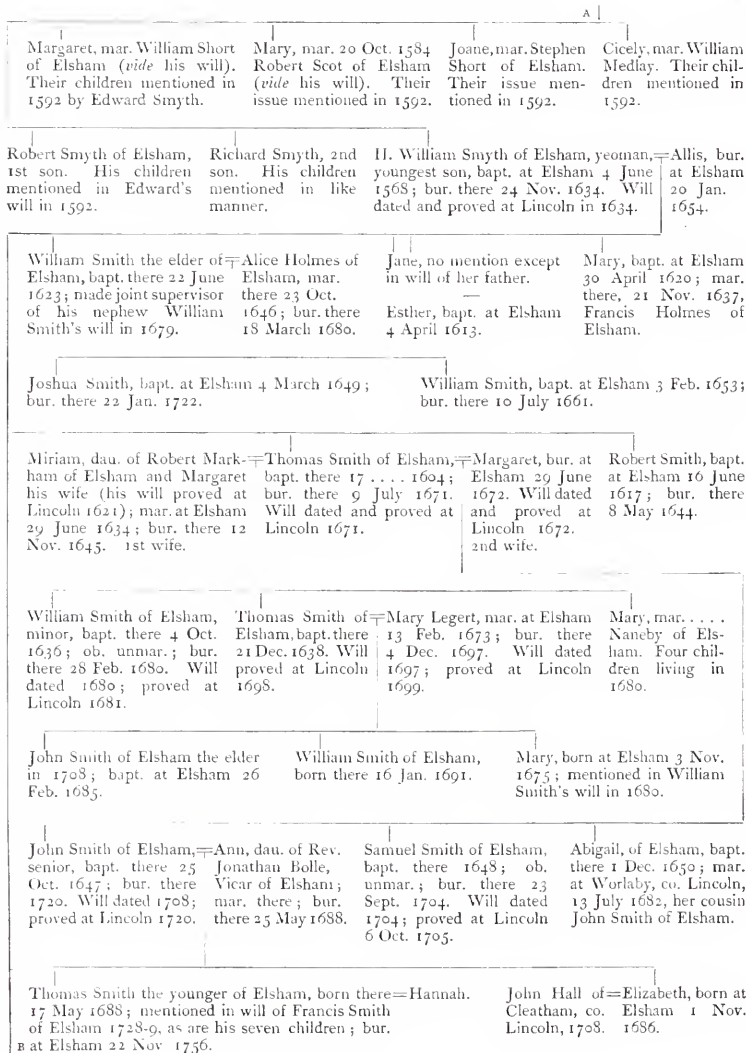
ARMS.—*Azure, on a bend engrailed between two fleurs-de-lis argent, three unicorns' heads erased of the field.*

CREST.—*An unicorn's head quarterly argent and azure, erased or.*

I. Edward Smyth of Elsham, yeoman, [? 1530—1601]; bur. at Elsham 26 May 1601. Will dated 1592; proved at Lincoln 1601; mentions brothers Henry and William in his will.

Joane, bur. at Elsham 1613.

* Arms on page 76.



B

Esther, dau. of Robert Markham of Elsham and Margaret his wife (his will proved at Lincoln 1621); mar. at Elsham 24 June 1631; bur. there 30 Nov. 1641. 1st wife.

111. Edward Smith of Elsham, husbandman, born and bapt. at Elsham 29 Sept. 1603; bur. there 23 Nov. 1669. Will dated and proved 1669.

Andre Beale of Whitton, co. Lincoln, mar. at Elsham 13 Nov. 1642; survived her husband, and mar. 2ndly Thomas Hudson of Barnetby; bur. at Elsham 22 Aug. 1672. 2nd wife.

Edward Smith, bapt. at Elsham 12 Aug. 1649; witness to his brother William's will 1679.

Katherine, bapt. at Elsham 26 April 1645; bur. there 2 July 1672.

Robert Brouke of Barnetby, co. Lincoln.

Mary, bapt. at Elsham 10 April 1647; mar. there 28 April 1665.

William Smith of Elsham, bapt. there 10 Aug. 1675. Line ended in 1821 [sic] with Edward Smith of Worlaby.

Edward Smith, born at Elsham 30 Jan. 1678.

William Brouke, mentioned in his grandfather Edward Smith's will in 1669.

Ann, dau. of John Faulding of Burnham in Thornton Curtis, co. Lincoln; mar. at Elsham 16 June 1653; bur. there 16 April 1666. 1st wife.

IV. William Smith of Elsham, gent., bapt. there 29 April 1632; bur. there 11 May 1679. Inventory dated 23 May 1679. Will dated and proved 1679 at Lincoln.

Mary Thorp of Elsham, mar. at Thornton Curtis, co. Lincoln, 8 Nov. 1668; survived her husband, and mar. 2ndly Mr. John Atkins of Elsham. Will dated 1707; proved at Lincoln 20 June 1708 by her son Henry, sole executor. 2nd wife.

Robert Smith of Whitton, co. Lincoln, bapt. at Elsham 19 June 1633; bur. there 14 May 1697.

Susannah Pearson of Elsham, mar. there 11 Aug. 1655; bur. there in 1686.

Robert Smith, bapt. at Elsham 25 May 1655.

Mary, born 4 March 1656; bapt. at Elsham 29 June 1662.

Ruth, bapt. at Elsham 27 May 1662.

John Smith of Elsham, minor, born there 28 July 1657.

Abigail Smith of Elsham, youngest dau. of Thomas and Margaret Smith as above; mar. at Worlaby, co. Lincoln, 13 July 1682.

Francis Smith of Elsham, yeoman, born there 9 March 1663; ob. unmar.; bur. at Elsham 21 Jan. 1728. Will dated 16 Jan. 1728-9; proved at Lincoln 11 April 1729.

Henry Smith of Elsham, gent., born there 6 and bapt. 9 Sept. 1670; ob. unmar.; bur. at Elsham 7 July 1750. Will dated 11 May 1749; proved at Lincoln 8 Oct. 1750.

William Smith, born at Elsham 6 and bapt. 8 March 1673; ob. unmar.; bur. at Elsham 27 May 1723, aet. 50.

Thomas Smith of Elsham the elder in 1705; born there 23 Jan. 1685.

John Smith of Elsham, senior, in 1720; born there 30 May 1688.

Francis Smith.

Henry Smith, godson to Henry Smith of 1749.

Francis Smith, bapt. at Elsham 31 Oct. 1729.

John Smith, bapt. at Elsham 28 May 1732.

Hannah, mar. 1738.

Henry Smith, bapt. at Elsham 17 June 1733.

Edward Smith, bapt. 3 Nov. 1734.

Thomas Smith, bapt. 18 Aug. 1737.

Abigail, bapt. 19 June 1741.

William Smith, mar. bapt. 24 Dec. 1744.

c

Jane, 5th dau. of Theophilus = V. Edward Smith of = Mrs. Ann
 Somerscales of Bonby, co. Worlaby, gent., born Markham,
 Lincoln, gent., by Dorothy at Elsham 10 March, 2 Dec., bapt. 4 Dec.
 his wife, dau. of Rev. Stephen bapt. there 15 March, 1671; mar. Rev. Wil-
 Mason, Vicar of Bonby; 1677; bur. there 1 liam Paley, Vicar of
 bapt. at Bonby 15 March April 1757. Will Elsham. Mr. Paley
 1681; mar. there 8 May dated 1756; proved bur. at Elsham
 1705; bur. at Elsham 21 at Lincoln 1757. 29 May 1723.
 Oct. 1748. 1st wife. 1681.

Theophilus Smith of = Ann, 2nd dau. of John Uppley
 Wyham, co. Lincoln, of Wootton Hall, Lincoln, by
 bapt. at Bonby 7 July Elizabeth Rotherham his wife;
 1708; ob. 6 Sept. born 1706; mar. at Ulceby, co.
 1758; bur. at Wyham. Lincoln, 1 Oct. 1733; ob. 18
 Will dated 1783; May 1772, æt. 66; bur. at
 proved at Lincoln. Wyham.

William Smith of = Elizabeth Goulton of
 Hatcliffe, co. Lin- Walcot in Alkboro,
 coln, bapt. at co. Lincoln; mar. at
 Bonby 5 Feb. Hock Stow, co. Lin-
 1710; ob. 16 and coln, 12 Jan. 1750;
 bur. 19 Oct. 1768 ob. 15 July 1773,
 at Hatcliffe. æt. 56; bur. at Hat-
 cliffe, co. Lincoln.

Ann, sole dau. and heiress, born at Wyham, co. Lincoln,
 11 Nov. 1739; mar. 1st, at Stainton, co. Lincoln, 20 April
 1766, Captain Joseph Gace of Rearsby Hall, co. Lincoln,
 who died 7 Sept. 1768, bur. at Pantton, co. Lincoln, leaving
 issue. She mar. 2ndly at Stainton, 16 Aug. 1770, Thomas
 Elmhirst of Stixwold, Esq. Mrs. Elmhirst died in 1826,
 æt. 87, and was bur. at Worsborough. From whom
 descend the Elmhirsts.

Elizabeth, sole dau. and heiress,
 born 1751; mar. at Barton St.
 Peter's, co. Lincoln, 1 Oct. 1772,
 William Hesleden of Barton-on-
 Humber, co. Lincoln, who died
 7 March 1823. Mrs. Hesleden
 died 20 May 1822, who was pro-
 genitor of the Hesleden family.

VI. Rev. John Smith, M.A., Rector = Jane, sole dau. and heiress of John
 of Skirbeck, co. Lincoln, and Vicar Hawker of Sittingbourne, co. Kent.
 of Borden, co. Kent, Chaplain to gent., by Catherine his wife, dau.
 the Duke of Bridgewater; born of John Wanstall of Challock, co.
 at Bonby in 1711; graduated at Christ's Kent; bapt. at Sittingbourne 12
 College, Cambridge, A.B. 1732, Sept. 1716; mar. at Rodmersham,
 A.M. 1736; inducted to Skirbeck co. Kent, 4 Sept. 1740; died at
 1736 and to Borden 1760; died Sittingbourne 29 May 1798; bur.
 11 Nov. 1768, æt. 57; bur. at Borden by her husband's side.
 den. Will dated 12 Oct., proved Will dated 1795; proved in London
 in London 5 Dec. 1768 by his 25 Sept. 1798 by her son Henry.
 widow.

Mary, bapt. at Bonby 8 Oct.
 1706; died 1707-8.

Jane, bapt. at Bonby, co. Lincoln, 1713; mar. John
 Healey of Kingston-upon-
 Hull, surgeon, who died early
 and was bur. at Hatcliffe,
 co. Lincoln. Mrs. Healey
 lived as a widow in Walker
 Gate, Louth, co. Lincoln,
 and died in 1806, æt. 93, at
 Swaithes House, and was bur.
 at Worsborough, co. York.

Judith, bapt. at Skirbeck
 10 Aug. 1745; mar. at
 Tunstall, co. Kent, 2 May
 1764. Charles Stanley,
 Esq., of Gora Court, Sit-
 tingbourne, who was bur.
 at Tunstall 3 May 1791,
 leaving issue. Mrs. Stan-
 ley was bur. at Tunstall
 29 May 1794, æt. 49 years.

Mary, bapt. at Skirbeck
 1 June 1749; mar. at
 Sittingbourne, 8 Nov.
 1774. John Gibbons of
 that place, widower.
 She died s.p., and was
 bur. at Sittingbourne
 4 Dec. 1823. Her estate
 was administered by her
 brother Henry.

Jane, bapt. at
 Skirbeck 22
 June 1752;
 mar. at Sitting-
 bourne, 26 Nov.
 1776. Samuel
 Barnes of that
 place. She
 died s.p. prior
 to 1784.

Dorothy, bapt. at Skirbeck
 26 May 1757; mar. at
 Sittingbourne, 10 Nov.
 1778. Bryan Faussett, Esq.,
 of Sittingbourne, 2nd son
 of Bryan Faussett of Hip-
 pington, co. Kent. Mr.
 Faussett died 23 Sept. 1808,
 leaving issue. Mrs. Faus-
 sett died in Nov. 1830,
 æt. 73; bur. at Bideford,
 co. Devon.

D

Rev. Edward Smithe, LL.B., = Mrs. Deborah Tylden, widow of the Rev. R. O. Tylden and dau. of Daniel May of Milstead; died 1 Oct. 1777, æt. 46; bur. at Milstead. Will dated 27 March 1779; proved in London 12 Dec. 1786 by Elizabeth Tylden his stepdau.

VII. Henry Smithe = Ann, dau. of Charles Chapman of Ashford, co. Kent; born there in 1757; mar. there 23 Dec. 1777; died 25 Oct. 1799, æt. 42; bur. at Tunstall, co. Kent.

John Smithe of Deptford Dockyard, co. Kent, bapt. at Skirbeck 23 July 1747; died unmar. in 1778. Left no will.

Ann, born at Tunstall, near Sittingbourne, co. Kent, 15 Sept. 1778; died 6 Jan. 1855, æt. 77; bur. at Goudhurst, co. Kent.

Catherine, born at Tunstall 20 Feb. 1781; mar. at Eastling, co. Kent, 16 Nov. 1802, William Belcher, Esq., M.D., of Ashford, who took the name of Stringer, and died 10 July 1817, leaving issue; bur. at Goudhurst. Mrs. Stringer died at Folkestone, co. Kent, 17 Sept. 1865, æt. 84 years and 7 months.

Emily, born at Tunstall 30 July 1785; mar. at Eastling, 19 Dec. 1807, William Banks of New York. Mrs. Banks died 10 Dec. 1816, without issue; bur. at Bath, æt. 31.

Fraunce, born at Tunstall 3 Sept. 1786; mar. at Eastling, 17 Aug. 1813, John Gill, Esq., R.N., who died 1830. Mrs. Gill died at Castle Conel, Limerick, Ireland, 17 June 1861, æt. 71, leaving issue.

Dorothy Sherson, born at Tunstall 29 Jan. 1788.

Roger Henry Smithe of Eastling, co. Kent, born at Tunstall 10 Aug. 1789; died at Eastling 4 Oct. 1868, æt. 79; bur. there.

Mary Ann, 2nd dau. of James Ashenden, Esq., of Nonnington, co. Kent; mar. there 26 July 1821.

Jane, born at Tunstall 11 June 1792; mar. 27 March 1819, John Dawson, Esq., of Brunswick Square, London, who died in 1855, leaving issue.

Henry Smithe, born at Eastling, co. Kent, 30 April 1822; died 9 Oct. 1822; bur. at Eastling.

Henry Roger Smithe, born at Eastling 13 July 1823; died unmar. 30 Dec. 1855, æt. 32; bur. at Eastling.

Mary Ann, born at Eastling 20 Aug. 1824; mar. at Eastling, 2 July 1846, J.P. Dodd, Esq., of Throley, co. Kent, and has issue one son and two daus. **Now deceased.**

Jane, born at Eastling 19 Oct. 1825; died 4 Jan. 1829; bur. at Eastling.

Fanny White, born at Eastling 8 March 1827; died unmar. 23 Jan. 1862; bur. at Eastling.

Mary, born at Tunstall 17 Sept. 1793; mar. at Ashford, co. Kent, 13 Jan. 1818, John Walter, Esq., M.P., of Bearwood, co. Berks, who died 28 July 1847, leaving issue.

VIII. Henry Smithe of Kingston, Jamaica, born at Hystead, Sittingbourne, 23 Feb. 1797; bapt. at Sittingbourne 31 March 1797; lost at sea near Eastport Maine, U.S.A., 2 Oct. 1834, æt. 37; bur. at Eastport.

Elizabeth Ann, coheirress and elder dau. of William Fraser of Kingston, Jamaica, and Ann Laing his wife, dau. of Charles Spearing; born at Philadelphia, U.S.A., 2 Dec. 1807; mar. at St. Ann's, Kingston, Jamaica, 25 Jan. 1827. Thrice married; afterwards died 3 Feb. 1880; bur. at Paddington Cemetery, London.

IX. Walter Henry Smith of H.M. Bengal Army, born in the Island of St. Thomas, West Indies, 25 Jan. 1828; Captain 1858; Major 1865; Major Bengal Staff Corps 12 Sept. 1866. Elected to reside in Europe on terms of paragraph 2 of G.G.O., No. 797, of 1 Aug. 1872; landed in England 11 March 1873; retired as Major-General; died at St. George's Square, London, N.W., 23 March 1899; bur. at Highgate.

Catherine, 2nd dau. of the Rev. R. S. Dolling, Rector of Wormshill, co. Kent, and Catherine Ann Symons his wife; born at Borden, co. Kent, 14 Aug. 1840; bapt. at Wormshill 4 July 1841; mar. there 17 Sept. 1857; died at 12 St. George's Square, London, N.W., 30 March 1897; bur. at St. James's Cemetery, Highgate, 3 April 1897.

Emily Ann, born at St. Thomas, West Indies, 16 April 1830; died at Kingston, Jamaica, 17 Feb. 1834; bur. at St. George's Church there.

Henry Dawson Smith, born at Park Villa, near Kingston, Jamaica, 20 March, died there 20 Sept. 1833; bur. at St. George's there.

Dorothy Alice, born at Maidstone, co. Kent, 9 Sept., bapt. at Wormshill 8 Oct. 1864.

Mary, born at Maidstone 1 Nov. 1865; died same night and bur. at Maidstone.

William Hawker Smith, born at Benares, India, 14 April 1869; bapt. at St. Mary's Church there 14 May 1869, by Rev. Percy Nicolas, Chaplain.

Alice Mary, born at Benares, India, 12 May 1870; bapt. at St. Mary's Church there 17 June 1870, by Rev. W. W. Nicholls, Chaplain.

John Hawker Smith, born at Umballa, N.W.P., India, 4 Oct., died 12 Dec. 1872; bapt. and bur. by Rev. . . . Rotton, D.D., Chaplain.

X. Henry Dolling Smith, born at Dinapore, India, 2 Oct. 1858; bapt. at St. John's, Calcutta, 2 Nov. 1858.

Frederica Charlton, younger dau. of William Wightwick, J.P. and Solicitor of Folkestone, co. Kent; born 30 Aug. 1863; mar. 12 Oct. 1886.

Edward Hawker Smith, born on the ship "Grainger" at Port Elizabeth, Algoa Bay, 11 Nov. 1859; died 15 Nov. 1859; bur. at Port Elizabeth.

Catherine Mary, born at Cape Town, South Africa, 18 Nov. 1860; bapt. at St. George's Cathedral there 21 Dec. 1860.

Edward Hawker Smith, born on ship "Malabar" 6 April 1863; bapt. at Wormshill, co. Kent, 28 June 1863; mar. in Canada Ernestine, dau. of . . . , after having been baptized into the Roman Catholic Church under the name of Joseph.

Margaret Audrey Dolling, born at 19 Cedars Road, Beckenham, co. Kent, 27 June 1889; bapt. at Christ Church, Beckenham, 2 Aug. 1889, by Rev. J. Harding, M.A.

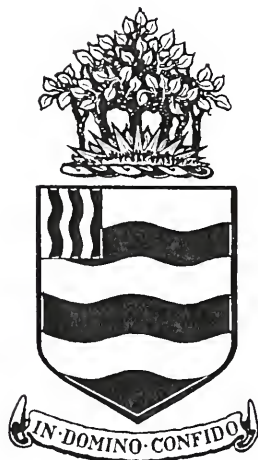
XI. Cuthbert Henry Dolling Smith, born at 19 Cedars Road, Beckenham, co. Kent, 13 Aug. 1892; bapt. at the Parish Church, Beckenham (St. George's), Sept. 1892, Rev. Henry Arnott, Rector.

This pedigree in ordinary type is copied from my father's manuscript-book, entitled "History of the Smiths of Elsham," written by him in 1865. The heavy type additions by myself 5 Dec. 1905.

H. DOLLING SMITH.

Arms of Uppleby of Wootton, co. Lincoln: "Azure, six martlets or, on a chief argent three buck's heads cabossed of the first." For pedigree of the ancient family of Elmhirst see Burke's "Landed Gentry." The arms there given are: "Barry wavy of six pieces argent and sable, a canton pale wavy, also of six pieces argent and sable." Crest: "A mount vert, therefrom issuant rays of the sun in front of a hurst of elm-trees proper." "Elmhirst claimed arms at the Visitation; they were respited for proof, but did nothing." (This an

answer from the Heralds' College to an enquiry of mine.—F. S.) A later grant has been obtained as follows: To the descendants of William Elmhirst (in the pedigree), "Barry of six argent and sable, a canton paly wavy also of six of the same." Crest: "On a wreath of the colours a mount vert, therefrom issuant rays of the sun in front of a hurst of elm-trees proper." Motto: "In domino confido" ("Armorial Families," 5th edition, which gives list of those of the family entitled to arms).



Commonwealth.

V. (2) John Somerscales, born 1654, was eighteen years of age at his father's death. He left Croxton for Hull, where he was apprenticed to a mariner: "Nov. 3rd, 1682, John Somerscales, made free by his apprenticeship to John Nosset, assigned to Robert Raikes." He was Chamberlain of Hull 1695, Sheriff 1700, Mayor 1711, and Mayor a second time in 1725. He was a Governor of the Hull Workhouse in Whitefriars Gate in 1715. He married Martha, daughter of John Watson of Hull.

His monument is in the Holy Trinity Church, Hull, with the following inscription (Gent's "History of Hull," 1735):—

"Within this vault interred the Body of the Worshipful Alderman John Somerscales, merchant, was twice Mayor of this town. He departed this life 18 Feby. 1732, aged 79. He married Martha, the daughter of Mr. John Watson, late of this town, by whom he had 4 sons and 4 daughters. Two of his sons lie interred near the west door."

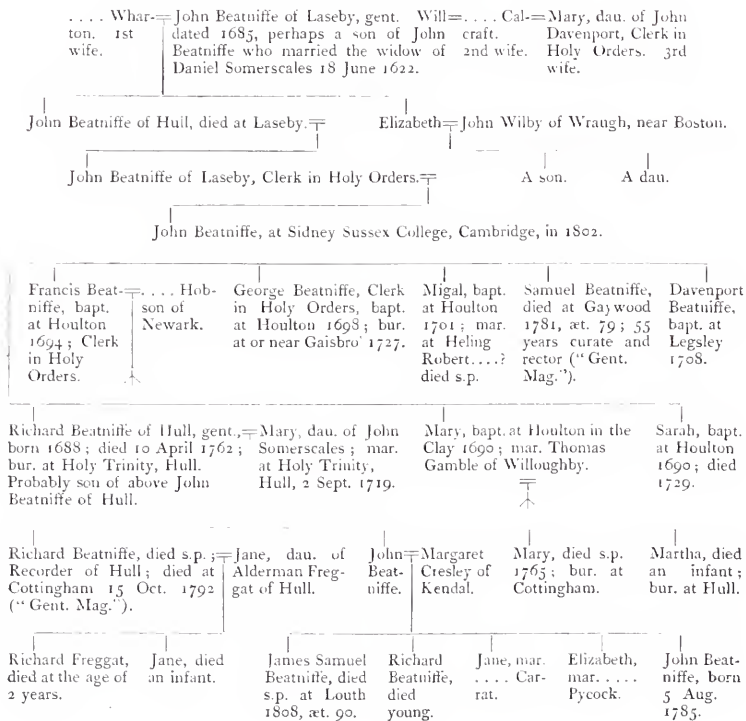
His will is dated 22 May 1724, from which the following are extracts:—

Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha all my household goods, plate and linen. I give and devise to her for the term of her natural life all my lands and tenements not already settled upon my son Theophilus, and I also give to her the use, interest, and profits of all other my goods,

chattels, and personal estate for the term of her natural life (except the sum of £10, which I give unto my servant Anne Jackson), and my mind is that what I have before given my said wife shall be in full of all her claim, dower, and thirds out of my real and personal estates. Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Beatniffe and to her daughters Mary and Martha two hundred pounds apiece, to be paid them after the decease of my said wife. Wife appointed sole executrix. Proved at York 8 May 1733.

PEDIGREE OF BEATNIFFE.

[From an old MS. Book.]



John Somerscales had issue:—

1. John, baptized at Holy Trinity, Hull, 15 May 1687; buried at Holy Trinity, Hull, 19 July 1717.

2. Daniel, baptized at Holy Trinity, Hull, 17 May 1692; buried at Holy Trinity, Hull, 18 November 1698.
3. Theophilus (of whom later).
1. Mary (as above).

VI. Theophilus, baptized at Holy Trinity 18 May 1693; made free by patrimony as a Mariner 14 January 1724; married Anne, daughter of Edward Greathead, M.D., of Horncastle and Lincoln. She was legatee of her brother, the Rev. Edward Greathead of Thorpe, 13 May 1755, then a widow, her son John being heir of entail. (Harl. Soc. vol. lii., 1904.) Theophilus Somerscales, Merchant, buried at Holy Trinity, Hull, 23 April 1733.

Will of Theophilus Somerscales of Kingston-upon-Hull, merchant, dated 11 April 1733:—

To Wife Anne, all income until children John and Anne attain the age of 21 years, when 21. John £1000, Anne £1500. Ruth Tibbett 40s. Wife the remainder and sole executrix. Witnesses, C. Cayley, junr., Deborah Janson, Joseph Fisher. Proved at York 27 June 1733.

FAMILY OF GREATHEAD.—For an account of this family see Burke's "Landed Gentry," Harl. Soc. xxxviii. 789, and "Lincolnshire Pedigrees," 1903. Edward Greathead died 1610.

Arms: "Argent, two barrulets plain between two engrailed per pale azure and sable, and an orle of martlets gules." Crest: "Out of bulrushes proper a stag's head per pale engrailed argent and gules, attired or, in the mouth an arrow of the first." Motto: "Work with a will."

Had issue:—

- VII. 1. John baptized at Holy Trinity, Hull, 5 May 1725. He married first, Elizabeth Fawsit of Beverley; she died in 1753. Secondly, Rachel Cressey, a widow, probably Rachel, daughter of Rev. Thomas Shaw, Rector of Wyberton ("Lincolnshire Pedigrees," 1904, Harl. Soc.), who died in 1796. He died without issue 3 March 1795. He resided at Ravendale, co. Lincoln, and was High Sheriff for the county of Lincoln in 1766. "Death.—At the house of Burton Shaw, Esq., at Willoughby, near Ancaster, Mrs. Somerscales, late of Lincoln, formerly of Ravendale, co. Lincoln" ("Gent. Mag.," Sept. 1796).

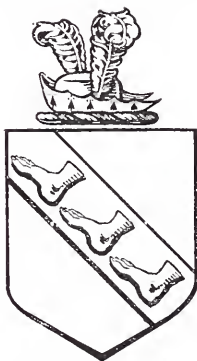
Burton Shaw of Willoughby was High Sheriff for Lincolnshire for 1798. Arms (in Wyberton Church): "Argent, a chevron between three fusils ermine" (Pedigree, "Lincolnshire Pedigrees," vol. iii. (Harl. Soc.), 1904).

Extracts from the will of John Somerscales of Great Ravendale, otherwise Great Randall, co. Lincoln, Esquire:—

All freeholds and copyholds in Frieston and Butterwick, co. Lincoln, unto my wife Rachel and her heirs. To Mother Anne Somerscales for life, house, yard, etc., in the High Street, Kingston-upon-Hull, now in her occupation and Mr. Thomas Hall's, and also all furniture therein, remainder to wife Rachel, after decease of said Mother, after her decease to sister Anne Somerscales and her heirs. To wife Rachel for life all lands, tenements, etc., in Stoneferry and Sutton in Holderness in county of York, now in the occupation of William Thompson, the younger. After her decease to said sister Ann Somerscales and her heirs, also £100. Remainder to wife Rachel, sole executrix. Dated 23 July 1764. Witnesses, Dan. Whitaker, George Wallis, Daniel Thompson. Proved 19 March 1795. [Sic, in true copy, probably 1765, as the executrix who proved the will was already dead in 1795.]

1. Anne, baptized at Holy Trinity 11 October 1726; married Benjamin Pead of Hull. They were both benefactors to the Hull Infirmary. He died in 1754; she died 8 March 1799. Both are buried in Sutton Church, near Hull. Monumental inscription: "To Benj. Pead, citizen and soap-maker of London, but late of this parish, died 11 Oct. 1784, æt. 54, and Anne, his wife, daughter of Theo. Somerscales, esq., of Kingston-upon-Hull, d. 8 March 1799, æt. 73." They were both benefactors to Sutton Church ("History and Antiquities of Holderness," J. G. Poulson, Part IV.).

PEDIGREE OF PEAD.

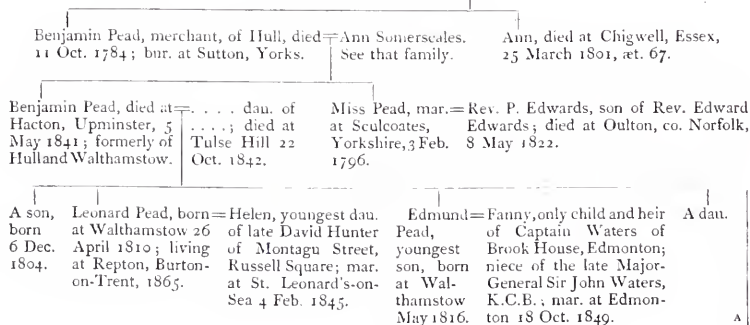


ARMS.—*Or, on a bend azure three feet couped above the ankle, argent.*

CREST.—*A chapeau gules, turned up ermine, out of it two ostrich feathers or.*

I have an old bookplate, where they quarter, "Or, on a bend sable three gaddies proper, for SOMERSCALES."—F. S.

... Pead, probably of Essex. — . . .



Emma, 2nd dau., born at Walthamstow 10 April 1803; died there 29 Oct. 1815, in her 13th year.	A dau., born at Walthamstow 6 Aug. 1808.	A dau., born at Walthamstow 30 May 1814.	Rosa Harriet, youngest dau., born at Walthamstow 8 Feb. 1826; mar. at Brixton, 10 May 1853, Rev. Edward Lamb, Clerk in Holy Orders, son of the late Dean of Bristol.
Augusta, born at Walthamstow 23 Aug. 1806; died there 1 May 1819.	A dau., born at Walthamstow 3 April 1812.	A dau., born at Walthamstow Nov. 1817.	

"May 15, 1849, at Tulse Hill, Surrey, The Rev^d Matthias Mawson Lamb, M.A., to Georgiana, dau^r of the late Benjamin Pead of Hacton, co. Essex."

Charles II.

V. (4) Joseph Somerscales, baptized at Croxton 1 December 1670; migrated to Hull, where he received his freedom 6 December 1694 by his apprenticeship to Francis Fox, baker. He married at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, 12 November 1694, Catherine Bartle. Was a ship's biscuit baker near the South End at the time William of Orange landed, and supplied several Dutch transports with bread. Had issue:—

1. Daniel (of whom later).
2. Thomas, baptized at Holy Trinity, Hull, 27 February 1697; received his freedom by patrimony 9 October 1729.
3. Joseph, baptized at Holy Trinity 31 May 1702; received his freedom by patrimony 20 May 1729.
4. John, baptized at Holy Trinity 12 February 1708; buried there 11 December 1750; freedom by patrimony 20 July 1727.
5. Theophilus, baptized at Holy Trinity 26 September 1710.
6. Francis (of whom later).
7. Samuel, baptized at Holy Trinity 10 July 1714; buried there 17 October 1714.
1. Mary, baptized at Holy Trinity 8 January 1701; married at Holy Trinity, 18 August 1734, Richard Taylor.
2. Elizabeth, baptized at Holy Trinity 11 December 1704; buried there 24 December 1705.
3. Judith, baptized at Holy Trinity 11 May 1706; married at Holy Trinity, 18 May 1730, John Hollings.

And the following, who do not appear to have lived long enough to have been baptized in the church:—

4. Jane, buried at Holy Trinity 5 November 1703.
5. Martha, buried at Holy Trinity 14 March 1706.

William III.

VI. (1) Daniel Somerscales, baptized at Holy Trinity 5 September 1695; obtained his freedom by patrimony 20 July 1727; he married at Holy Trinity Church, 30 August 1722, Mary Hayton. [NOTE.—I have a copy of "The whole Duty of Man," published in

London by E. and H. Pawlet, 1706, which was the property of Daniel Somerscales, and contains his own and his wife's signatures with a pedigree.—F. S.] They had issue:—

1. Daniel (of whom later).
2. Thomas, baptized at Holy Trinity 28 February 1725; buried there 11 January 1741.
1. Martha, baptized at Holy Trinity 24 July 1723; buried there 11 March 1724.
2. Anne, baptized at Holy Trinity 19 April 1727; buried there 19 January 1729.
3. Mary, baptized at Holy Trinity 30 April 1729; married Robert Taylor.
4. Sarah, baptized at Holy Trinity 19 June 1731.
5. Catherine, baptized at Holy Trinity 19 November 1735; buried there 11 July 1752.

VII. Daniel, baptized at Holy Trinity 5 June 1733; obtained his freedom by patrimony 21 April 1757; married at Holy Trinity, 15 October 1753, Margaret Cartwright (*née* Alder or Holder), a widow. They had issue:—

1. Daniel, who married 13 June 1779 at Holy Trinity, Hull, Anne Sedden, by whom he had several children, who were living in London in 1806, one being named Daniel. A George Somerscales, son of Daniel Somerscales, was made free by patrimony at Hull 22 June 1802.
2. Thomas, who died s.p.
1. Jane, married Charles Rowlin. Had issue: Robert, William, Mary, Sarah and Ann, all living in Hull 1806.
2. Mary, married Robert Taylor; died without issue (see Proctor).
3. Sarah.

Queen Ann.

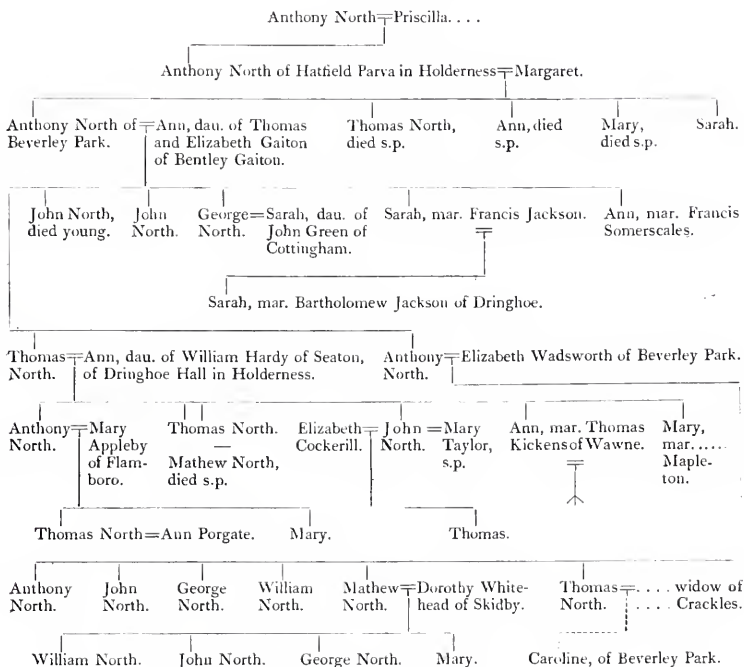
VI. (6) Francis Somerscales, baptized at Holy Trinity 24 May 1712; received his freedom by patrimony 7 June 1733; married first, at Holy Trinity, 1 November 1741, Anne Taylor, by whom he had:—

1. Thomas, baptized at Holy Trinity 25 August 1744; buried there 28 November 1745.
2. Francis, baptized at Holy Trinity 25 February 1747; died s.p. 9 December 1818.
3. Francis, baptized at Holy Trinity 20 November 1751; married Anne, daughter of . . . Luck and widow of William Houlst; she died 2 May 1830, aged 78. Died s.p.
1. Ann, buried at Holy Trinity 27 August 1742.
2. Frances, buried at Holy Trinity 17 August 1743.
3. Frances, baptized at Holy Trinity 25 June 1746; buried there 3 August 1747.
4. Mary, baptized at Holy Trinity 28 March 1749; married John Chapman; left one daughter Ann.

Married secondly at Beverley Minster, 21 November 1753, Sarah, daughter of Anthony North of Beverley Park.

FAMILY OF NORTH.

[From an old MS. Book.]



Children of Francis and Sarah Somerscales:—

4. North, born 18 Sept. 1754; baptized at Holy Trinity 10 Oct. (of whom later).
5. John, born 30 Nov. 1755; baptized at Holy Trinity 25 Dec. (of whom later).
6. Anthony, born 16 October 1758; died s.p. 9 August 1814; freedom 7 January 1780. Copy of Inscription on tombstone near the west entrance of Holy Trinity Church, Hull:—

In Memory of
 Anthony Somerscales
 Tide surveyor of the Customs
 at this Port
 who died the 9th of April 1817
 in the 59th Year
 of his Age.

7. George, born 23 February 1762; buried at Holy Trinity 10 January 1763.
 8. Thomas, born 11 March 1763; died s.p.; freedom 20 June 1786.
 9. Richard, born 4 November 1766; buried at Holy Trinity 15 January 1774.
 10. William, born 5 April 1768; buried at Holy Trinity 4 January 1769.
 11. Joseph, born 1 September 1769; freedom by patrimony 1 February 1791; married Ann Consitt of Wawne.
 5. Ann, born 7 March 1757; married John Dunn. Their children died in infancy.
 6. Sarah, born 12 July 1760; buried at Holy Trinity 23 June 1761.
 7. Sarah, born 16 September 1763; died s.p. about 1800.
 8. Judith, born 11 January 1771; buried at Holy Trinity 25 February 1772.
 9. Rebecca, born 11 January 1771; buried at Holy Trinity 13 June 1771.
- Francis Somerscales died aged 77, his wife Sarah died aged 86; both buried at Hull.
Most of the above information is taken from a family MS. book.

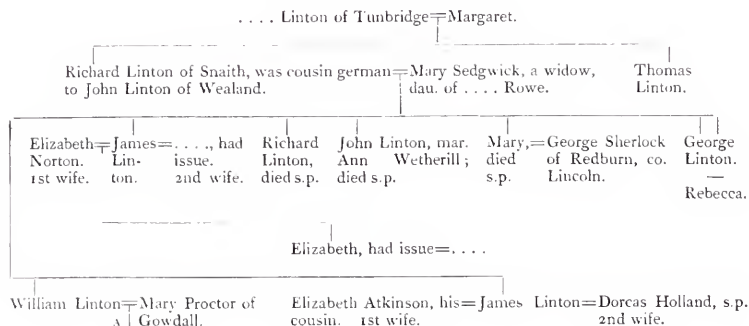
George II.

VII. (4) North Somerscales, married at Hull, 23 December 1781, Ann Linton; resided in Silver Street, Hull, second door from Low Gate; he moved in 1792 to No. 1 Market place; was a woollen merchant.

"On Sunday last, aged 64, deeply regretted by his numerous relatives and friends, Mr. North Somerscales of this place (Hull Newspaper, May 9, 1819). Died 9 May 1819; buried in High Church New Barial-ground, Hull. Will, dated 1 May 1819, mentions wife Ann, sister-in-law Mary Linton, and his children Anthony North, Charles, Lewis, and Ann; George Lloyd, now in my Service, and his sister Harriet. Proved 29 July 1819. Registered at Beverley, Yorkshire. A painting of him is in the possession of Major Skeet.

FAMILY OF LINTON.—This family takes its names from the parish town of Linton-on-the-Whafe, Yorkshire. Sir William de Linton is mentioned on page 415 "Ecclesiastical History of Yorkshire."

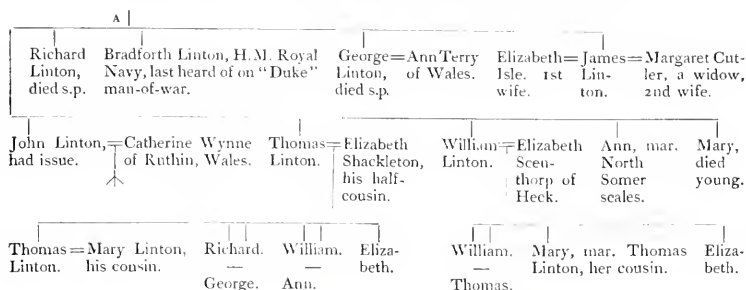
PEDIGREE OF LINTON.



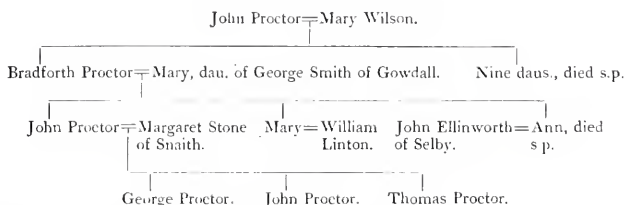


NORTH SOMERSCALES OF KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.





PEDIGREE OF PROCTOR.



Sarah Proctor of Goole married Richard Taylor; had no issue. He married secondly Mary Somerscales; had no issue.

Children of North and Ann Somerscales:—

1. Anthony North, born 29 November 1782; married 31 March 1817, at Cottingham Church, Eleanor, daughter of Peter William Watson of Cottingham; he died without issue 22 August 1824; was a merchant of Hull; received his freedom by patrimony 3 July 1804. Will dated 10 June 1824: "Wife Eleanor I wish to be interred near me. Father-in-law Peter William Watson of Cottingham. Everything to wife in case of no children, after her death remainder to brother Charles and sister Ann." This was taken from a copy of the original will before it was proved. His picture is in the possession of Major Skeet.

Inscription on tombstone in the chancel of Holy Trinity Church, Hull, copied *seriatim*:—

In Memory of
Anthony North Somerscales
of this Place, Merchant,
who died 22nd August, 1824.
Aged 41 years.

And also of
 Eleanor Watson, Widow of the above
 and the beloved wife of
 Edward S. Blundell, M.D.,
 who died on Good Friday, 9th April,
 1841, aged 51 years.
 Also of Charles Somerscales
 of her Majesty's Customs,
 Brother of the above,
 who died October 6th 1841,
 Aged 52 years.

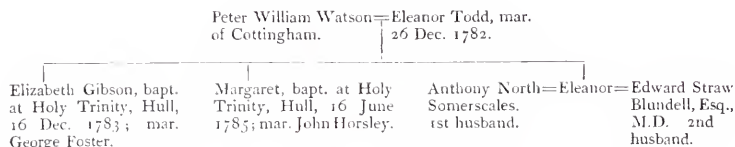
His widow married secondly, Dr. Edward Straw Blundell, by whom she had no issue; died in Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square, London, 9 April 1841; buried in the High Church, Hull, with her first husband.

The following original lines by Miss Agnes Strickland, on the death of her departed friend Mrs. Eleanor Blundell, wife of the late E. S. Blundell, Esq., M.D., seem of sufficient interest to insert here:—

"Like the calm sunset of a pleasant day,
 Her heavenly spirit gently pass'd away,
 Relying on His grace and His alone,
 Who suffered man's transgressions to atone;
 Felt that a Father's love had called her hence,
 Yet said, 'The approach was strange to mortal sense.'
 And one sad look, affection's long adieu,
 Her dim eye on her weeping partner threw,
 Which told how hard the pang to break that tie,
 Though the dark vale was trod and glory nigh:
 Earth claimed that fond regret—its last alloy—
 Ere the dread conflict closed in peace and joy."

The last collected words were, when asked "if she relied on her Saviour's grace," "On His alone. I am approaching Him, but the approach seems strange."

FAMILY OF WATSON.



2. William, born 21 October 1784; died 7 November 1784; buried in his father's vault.
3. George, born 24 August 1786; buried in his father's vault 26 March 1788.

4. Charles, born 4 March 1788; for many years in His Majesty's Customs at Hull; married in 1841 Belinda Marris. He died very suddenly three months after marriage. "He died highly respected, not only by his friends and brother officers, but by all with whom he had to transact the business of his department" (Hull paper). Received his freedom by patrimony 17 July 1812; died intestate, without issue, 6 October 1841. His picture is in the possession of Major Skeet.
5. Lewis, born 16 January 1790; received his freedom by patrimony 10 March 1812. Will dated 10 June 1819; mentions his brothers Anthony North and Charles and sister Anne. Proved 23 December 1819; registered at Beverley. Died 3 December 1819; buried in the family vault in the New Burial Ground, Holy Trinity Parish. His picture, painted at Drontheim in Norway, is in the possession of Major Skeet.
6. George, born 11 October 1795; died young 9 December 1795; buried in family vault.
7. George, born 18 February 1797; died young 9 August 1799; buried in family vault.
1. Harriet, born 11 November 1791; died 24 March 1797; buried in family vault.
2. Anne, born 15 January 1794; married at Sculcoates Church, Hull, 18 November 1830, Henry Francis Skeet; sole heiress to her father and brother Charles.

VII. (5) John Somerscales, married Frances Brooke. Had issue:—

1. Elizabeth, married John Crackles, merchant, of Hull; she died 1859. He died 4 October 1845, leaving:—
 - (1) John, who died 7 February 1845; and
 - (2) Samuel, died 1859.
2. Hannah.
3. Brooke.

Arms of Somerscales of Hull, as now borne quarterly by the descendants of Henry Francis and Anne (*née* Somerscales) Skeet: "Per pale argent and or, on a bend sable three gadflies volant proper" (Registered with descent from North and Ann Somerscales at the College of Arms).

SOMERSCALES OF NORTH THORESBY.

Robert of North Thoresby, yeoman. Will dated 30 December 1583; proved 5 October 1585; to be buried in Thoresby Church. Married Margaret. Had issue: Robert of North Thoresby, husbandman. Will dated 6th April, proved 22 April 1624. Married Sibbell, executrix. Had issue: Margaret—Mar. Lic. 10 August 1620, George Storr of Marsh Chapel, æt. 27 (from Lincolnshire Wills).

The following also refers to him:—"Ducatus Lancastriæ Pars Prima.

"3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1556-1557), Christopher Ascough against Robert Somerscales and others disputed title to demesne lands. Thoresby Manor, Lincolnshire."

SOMERSCALES OF BRIGSLEY, CO. LINCOLN.

I. John Somerscales of Brigsley. Will dated 6 Feb. 1546-7; proved 31 March 1547; to be buried in Brigsley Church. Had issue:—

1. William of Brigsley, supervisor to his brother Robert 1557. Will dated 8 October, proved 3 November 1570; to be buried in Brigsley Church. Had issue: (1) Elizabeth, (2) Jane, leaving Agnes, his wife, as executrix.

II. 2. Robert of Brigsley. Will dated 13 July 1557; proved 29 January 1557-8. Wife Agnes, daughter of . . . Barnaby, executrix. Had issue:—

III. 1. John of Brigsley, husbandman, called "the Elder." Will dated 12 May, proved 6 June 1588; to be buried in Brigsley Church.

Had issue:—

(1) Thomas, living 1588.

(6) John.

(2) James.

(7) Robert.

(3) Bartholomew.

(8) Richard.

(4) George.

(9) Richard.

(5) Lawrence.

(10) John.

2. Elizabeth, 1557.

(From Lincolnshire Wills.)

Schedule of the Somerscales property in the Counties of York and Lincoln to which Robert Skeet succeeded from his mother. He died intestate in 1890, when they were sold. His eldest and youngest sons had inherited them:—

1. Sober Hall Farm, Dunswell, 66a. 2r. 7p., of which 20a. 2r. 37p. were copyhold of the Manor of Beverley Water Towns, the rest of the Manor of Skidby. £1850

It is interesting to note that the rare custom of Borough English prevails in the Manor of Skidby. The youngest sons of intestate copyholders are still admitted tenants. In default of sons the youngest brother succeeds.

15th September 1890 Charles Anthony Skeet, then a minor, was admitted tenant of the lands formerly held by his father, Robert Skeet.

2. Two cottages and market garden in North Gate, Cottingham, 6a. 1r. 19p. (1 rood copyhold of the Manor of Cottingham Sarum). It was formerly a portion of the site of Lord Wake's Castle 800

3. A close of arable land in the Barton Road, Barrow-on-Humber 505

4. Dwelling-house, etc., in the Barton Road, Barrow-on-Humber 110

5. Half-acre corner of North and Barton Streets, Barrow 85

(3, 4, and 5 are copyhold of the Manor of Barrow.)

6. Dwelling-house, etc., and $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres Ferry Road, Barrow-on-Humber (copyhold of the Manor of Barrow) 305

£3655

All these properties appear to have originally belonged to John North. They were bought with the money left by Anthony North Somerscales in 1824. His widow Eleanor had a life interest in them; they then passed to his brother Charles and sister Ann. On death of Charles, Anne Skeet became possessor of the whole.

WIDDRINGTON OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Then stept a galian squier forth,
 Witherington was his name,
 Who said, I wold not have it told
 To Henry, Our King, for shame.

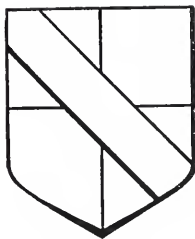
That e'er my captain fought on foote,
 And I stood looking on,
 You be two erles, sayd Witherington,
 And I a squier alone.

I'll doe the best that doe I may,
 While I have power to stand ;
 While I have power to weeld my sword
 I'll fight with heart and hand.

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For Witherington needs I must waile
 As one in doleful dumps,
 For when his legs were smitten off
 He fought upon his stumpes.

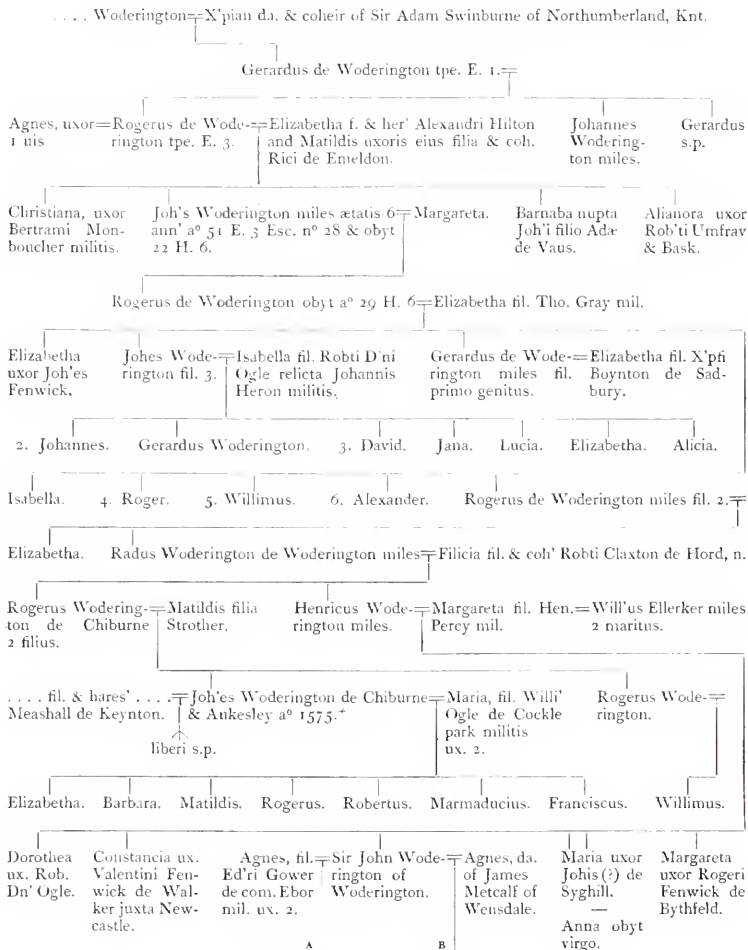
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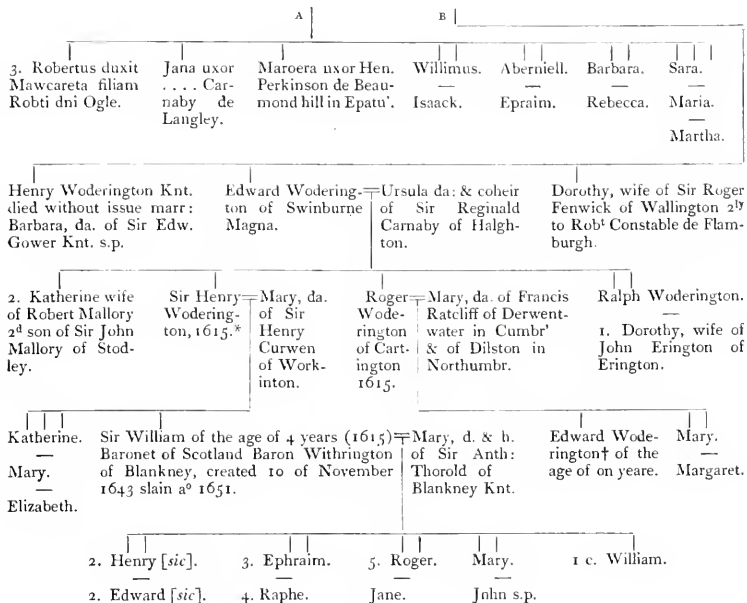
Arms : "Quarterly argent and gules, a bend sable." (Visitation.)

The two following pedigrees have been extracted from the College of Arms. The text is founded upon Hodgson's "History of Northumberland," II., ii., with a good deal added for the family of Widdrington of Widdrington. For the Hauxley branch I have used Vol. V. of Hodgson's "Northumberland," and brought it up to date. My thanks are due to J. C. Hodgson, Esq., F.S.A., for permission to make use of the above work.

Pedigree of Widdrington of Northumberland.

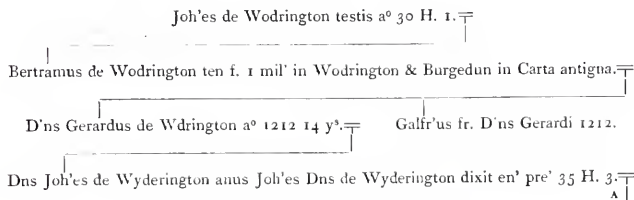
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* See text, WIDDINGTON OF HAUXLEY.



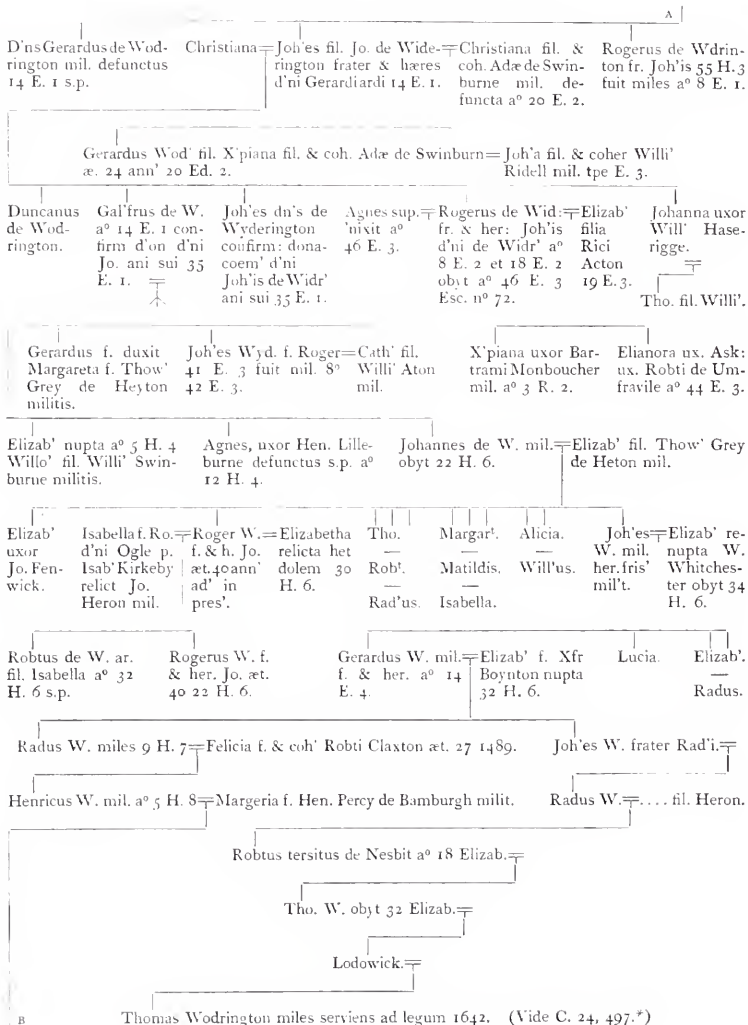
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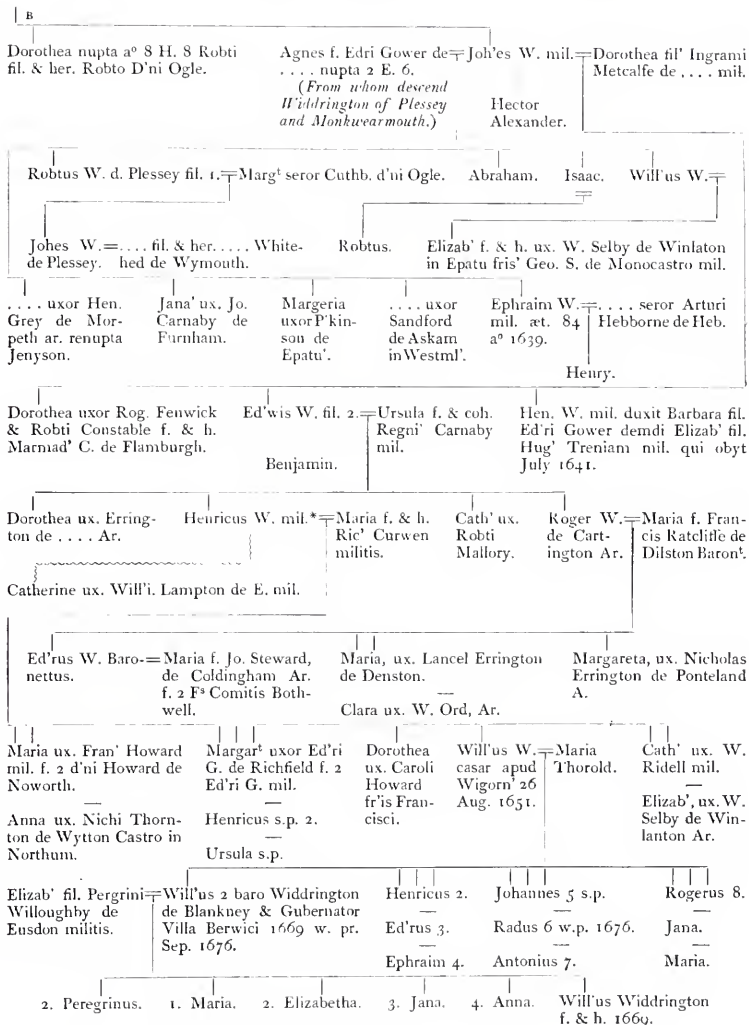
* See text, WIDDRINGTON OF WIDDRINGTON.

† See WIDDRINGTON OF CARTINGTON, *post*.



Thomas Wodrington miles serviens ad legum 1642. (Vide C. 24, 497.*)

* Note by the Herald who extracted the pedigree.



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DESCENT OF THE BARONS WIDDRINGTON, CONTINUED FROM THE VISITATIONS.

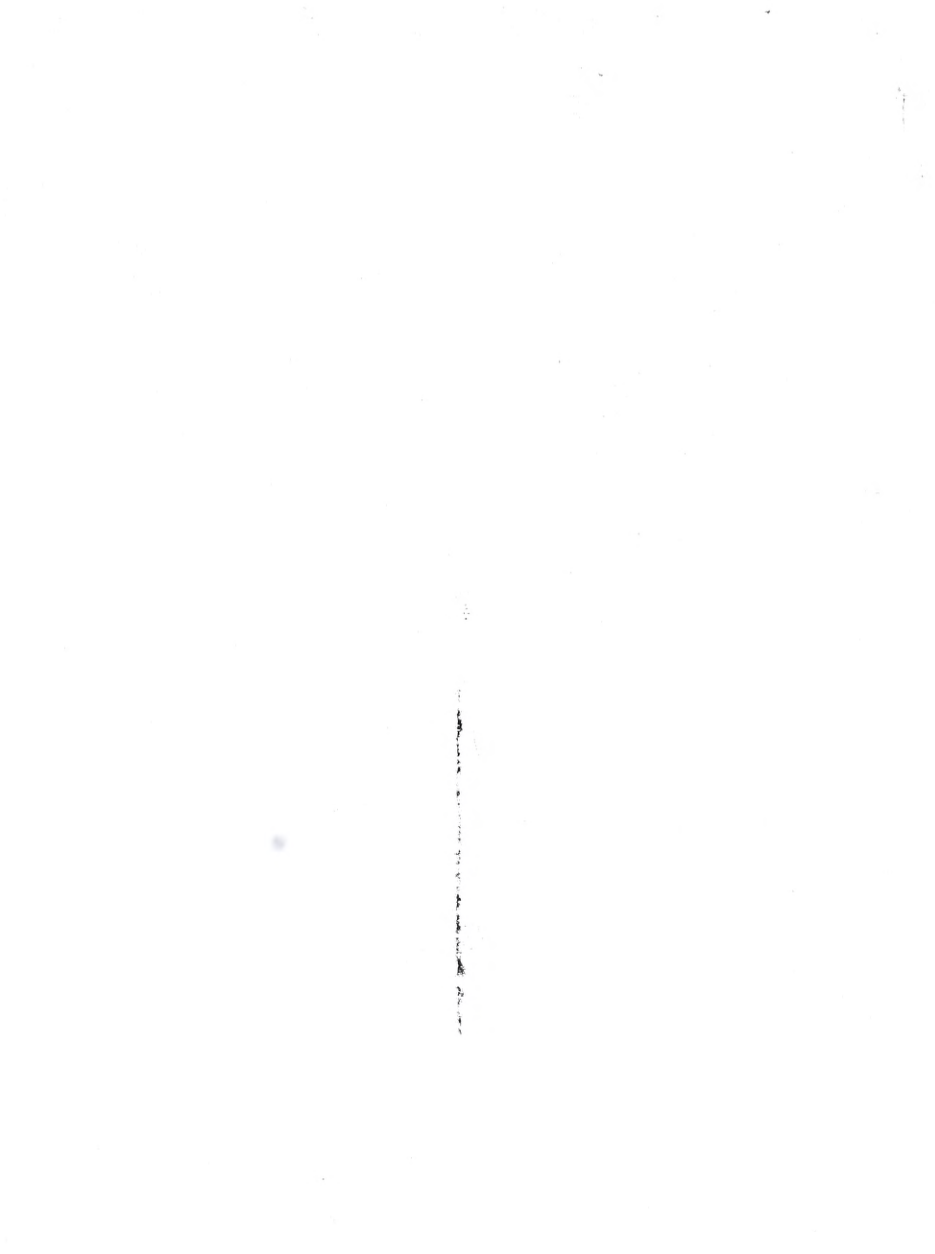
(The Roman numerals correspond with those in Hodgson's "Northumberland," II., ii.)

XVI. Sir Henry Widdrington, Knight, born in 1561. According to a deed dated 10 James the First, he levied a fine, *sur consens de droit*, entailing his estates on his eldest son William and his other sons, and with divers remainders recited in the inquest after his death. Sir Robert Bowes, in a letter to Lord Burleigh, about the end of 1596, mentions an inroad which had lately been made into Scotland by Mr. Henry Widdrington, in which he had spoiled the town of Cavers, belonging to Douglas, Sheriff of Tiviotdale; and when Sir Robert Carey was made Warden of the Middle Marches, "he made choise of Sir Henry Widdrington and Sir William Fenwick to be his deputy wardens, and gave the one the keepership of Redesdale, the other that of Tindale, and allowed them out of his 60 horse, six apiece to attend them." In 1603 he was appointed, with Sir William Selby and Sir William Fenwick, to march with a detachment of soldiers from Berwick to punish a body of banditti on the western marches, who had ravaged the country as far as Penrith. (Ridp. Bord. Hist., 689, 703; Carey's Mem., 94.) He was High Sheriff in 1605, and M.P. for the county in 1604, 1615, and 1621. His will is dated 12 September 1623, from which the following is an extract:—

Sir Henry Widdrington, Knight. The manor of Ditchburn and the towne of Charleton, heretofore settled on my said dau. Riddell, who married . . . son of Sir Thomas Riddell, to be re-conveyed to my dau. Eliz., and £1000 to be given to my dau. Riddell in lieu. I have made two leases—the one of Haughton, Humshaugh, and Haughton Green, the other of Swinburne, Collwell, and Towland, for ten years, for my daus. Margaret, Dorothy, Annas, Ursulay, and Mary. The estate of the manor in Newcastle, bought of Sir Nicholas Tempest, to be sold by him, and divided amongst my daus., and they committed to my brother Roger, Sir Henry Curwen, Sir John Fenwick, and Sir Wm. Lampton, Knt., and my son-in-law Wm. Riddell and my brother Roger W., supervisors. (Raine's Test., 481.)

By a deed of his, recited in the inquest after his death, and dated 2 September 21 James I., he left a lease of ten years of the profits of Haughton, West Haughton, Humshaugh, Haughton Green, Greenley, etc., to his daus. Margaret, Dorothy, Anne, and Ursula. He died 4 September 1623 at Swinburne Castle, leaving it to his son William, at that time 13 years 10 months and 24 days old.

Married Mary, daughter of Sir Henry Curwen of Workington. Her husband, 7 October 1605, settled the manor and demesne of Swinburne on feoffes for his and her use for life, with remainder to their heirs male. Henricus Woddrington de Woddrington Castle mit dedit Thome Strickland de Siscergh in com. Westm. milit. Jacobo Bellingham de Overlevens in com. milit. Henr. Curwen de Workington in com. Cunib. milit. Christofero Carns de Halton in com. Lancastr. arm. et Georgio Preston de Holcar in com. Lancastr. afo. totum illud manerium sive dñicū de Swynburne 'tc. Habend ad usum pñicti Henrici 't dñe Marie ux. ejus p. vita rem. hered masculis dñi Henrici. Dat. 7 Oct. 1605, 3 Jacobi. (Lansd. MS., 326, fol. 155.)





SIR WILLIAM WIDDRINGTON, BART., FIRST LORD WIDDRINGTON.

From a Photograph in the possession of Miss Widdrington, taken from a picture by Vandyck.

The following from anniversaries noted by Dom John Dionysius Huddleston, O.S.B., whilst chaplain to the Prestons and Inglebys, in the Kalendar of his Missal, sufficiently shews the adherence to the old faith :—

Sir Hy. Widdrington of Widdrington Castle, Northumb, Knt., m. Mary, d. of Sir Nic. Curwen of Workington Hall, Cumb., Knt., by his 2nd w. Eliz., d. and h. of Thos. Carus of Kendal, Esq., and his w. Anne, d. and h. of Wilfrid Preston of Over Biggins, Westm., Esq. Thos. Carus' father, Sir Thos. Carus of Halton Hall, Lanc., was Justice of the King's Bench; m. Kath., d. of Thos. Preston of Preston Patrick, and d. in 1571. (Catholic Record Soc., vol. i., p. 129.)

Had issue :—

1. Sir William (of whom later).
1. Catherine, married Sir William Riddell, Knight, eldest son of Sir Thomas Riddell of Gateshead, Knight.
2. Margaret.
3. Annas.
- (3) ? Anne, daughter of Sir Henry and sister of Sir William, first Lord Widdrington, also occurs as wife of Sir Nicholas Thornton of Netherwitton, Knight.
4. Ursula, in her will dated 18 July 1644 gives to her dearly-beloved sisters the Lady Riddal, the Lady Mary Howard, the Lady Dorothy Howard, Mrs. Selby, and Mrs. Gray, £50 each; sister Lady Ann Thornton, all my portion, £1000, etc.
5. Dorothy, wife of Sir Charles Howard, Knight, fourth son of Lord William Howard of Naworth in county Cumberland, by whom she had issue one son, William (Collins, Sec. II., i., 7, 79, etc.).
6. Mary, second wife of Sir Francis Howard, Knight, of Corby Castle in Cumberland, by whom she had issue Francis, Henry, Thomas, besides several daughters, whereof Mary was married to Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart. The rest died young.

XVII. Sir William Widdrington of Widdrington Castle, Knight and Baronet, and first Lord Widdrington, at the time of his father's death, 4 September 1623, aged 13 years 1 month 24 days. Born 4 September 1623 ("Dic. Nat. Biog."). When the contentions between the Crown and Parliament commenced in Charles the First's time, he distinguished himself for his loyalty by raising and employing under the Marquis of Newcastle a considerable body of troops, and by supporting the Royal cause with great bravery, constancy and firmness till the time of his death; made a Knight of the Bath 18 March 1631 at Newmarket (Metcalf's "Book of Knights"). He was Sheriff of his county in 1637, and M.P. for it in 1641 and 1642, and was not less remarkable for his courage and attachment to the cause of his Sovereign in the House of Commons than in the field. On 10 November 1640 "distaste was taken by this House at Sir William Widdrington for calling the Scots 'invading rebels,' whereupon Sir Wm. in his place stood up and said that he knew them to be the King's subjects, and would no more call them rebels, and with this explanation the House rested satisfied" (Jour. H. C. ii. 25). On Wednesday, 9 June 1641, he and Mr. Herbert Price, Member for Brecon, violently took away the candles from the Serjeant of the House when there was no general command of the House for bringing of candles in, upon which they were summoned to their places, made explanations with what intentions they did so, and were commanded to withdraw. After some debate the

House determined by a majority of 189 against 172, that they should be sent to the Tower for their offence, which sentence was pronounced upon them by the Speaker and put in force; but on their petitioning to be discharged from their imprisonment, the House on the Monday following resolved that they should be restored to their liberty of sitting in it as they formerly did (*Id.* p. 175). On 26 August 1642, both himself and his colleague, as representatives of the House for Northumberland, were expelled for neglecting or refusing to attend in service upon summons, and raising arms against the Parliament (*Id.* p. 738). On 10 November 1643, the King rewarded his services by creating him a peer of the realm, but in the year after the decisive battle of Marston Moor, himself, the Marquis of Newcastle and many others, retired to Hamburgh; and the House of Commons, 14 March 1648, resolved "that Chas. Stuart, eldest son of the late King James Stuart," the Duke of Buckingham, John Earl of Bristol, William Earl of Newcastle, Sir Wm. Widdrington, George Lord Digby and others, and all such persons as have been acting in the rebellion in Ireland, shall be proscribed and banished as enemies and traitors to the Commonwealth, and shall die without mercy, wherever they shall be found within the limits of the nation, and their estates shall be confiscated and forthwith employed for the use of the Commonwealth (Scobell).

"LORD WIDDRINGTON.

(19 Car. I.)

"Amongst others the true-hearted Royalists, which in the times of the late grand defection manifested their loyalty to our late Sovereign King Charles the First (of blessed memory), Sir William Widdrington of Widdrington Castle, in Com. Northumb, Knight and Baronet, was not the least; who being the principal branch of a most ancient and worthy Family long flourishing in the Northern Tract, raised a considerable power for his Majesty's service, under the Conduct of the Right Honourable William, then Earl (but afterwards Marquess and Duke) of Newcastle, wherein he had his share of the honour of these Victories obtained by that great General at Tadeaster, Parum, Scaroft, Tankersley, Leedes, Halifax, Rotherham, Sheffield, Chesterfield, Gaynsborough and Lincoln; but chiefly at Bradford, in Com. Ebor. against those numerous forces; which through the influence of certain predominant members of the late unhappy Long Parliament were then most rebelliously employed against their lawful Sovereign. In consideration whereof he was, by Letters Patent, bearing date 10 November, 19 Car. I., advanced to the dignity of a Baron of this Realm, by the Title of Lord Widdrington of Blankney, in Com. Linc. Continuing likewise in Arms till all was lost, he suffered in the general ruine, which thereupon befell all the King's good Subjects. And after that joining with the most noble James Earl of Derby in the month of August, an. 1651, to make way for the safe passage of our present Sovereign King Charles the Second, with his army out of Scotland, then marching towards Worcester, being encountered by numerous Forces, sent by Cromwell under the command of Colonel Lilburne, lost his life in a sharp Skirmish near Wiggan in Lancashire, leaving issue by Mary his wife, Daughter and sole Heir to Sir Anthony Thorold of Blankney, Knight, seven sons; viz., Willim, Henry, Ephraim, Edward, Raphe, Anthony, and Roger; and two Daughters, Mary married to . . . Crane of Wood-Rysing, in Com. Norff., Esq.; and Jane to Sir Charles Stanley, Knight of the Bath, Son to Sir Robert Stanley, Knight, a younger son to William, late Earl of Derby." (Dugdale's "Baronage," 1676).

Lord Clarendon observes of him: "He was one of the most goodly persons of that age, being near the head higher than most tall men, of a very fair fortune: and one of the four

which the King made choice of to be about the person of the Prince, his son, as Gentleman of his Privy Chamber. He was a man of great courage, but of some passion; by which he incurred the ill-will of many, who imputed it to an insolence of nature which no one was further from in reality."

According to Dod's "Church History," he was a Catholic. The family alliances and the fact of his son being a Jesuit would tend and confirm this. In an Army List of 1642, he appears as Major of Sir Lewis Dives's Regiment (Masson's "Life of Milton"). The Duchess of Newcastle says that he was "President of the Council of War, and Commander in Chief of the three Counties of Lincoln, Rutland and Nottingham." ("Life of William Duke of Newcastle," Ed. 1886, p. 166.)

"Sheriff of Co. Northumberland 1637; M.P. for that County 1641-1642. He is said to have been created Baronet 9 July 1642, but no mention is made of it in the Signet Bill of 1643 raising him to the Peerage, neither was the creation thereof enrolled, but that is hardly any argument against its existence, as at that period such neglect was common. Slain at Wigan 3 September 1651. Administration 10 March 1651-2 to a creditor. In this he is described as "Sir William Widdrington of Widdrington, Co. Northumberland." All titles granted by Charles I. after 4 January 1641 were made void by Act of Parliament 4 February 1651." (Complete Peerage by G.E.C.)

"1643.

LO. WIDDRINGTON, Creacoñ po.:—A patent of creacoñ granted to Sr. William Widdrington, in the County of Northumbland, K^t and Baronett, of the honor of Baron Widdrington of Blankney, in the County of Lincolne, the same entayled upon the heires Males of his body forever. Te apud Oxon x^o die Novemb^r A^o 1^o p^{et}.

p tre de privato Sigillo."

(Docquets of Letters Patent and other instruments passed under the Great Seal of King Charles I. at Oxford, in the years 1642, 1643, 1644, 1645 and 1646. Printed 1836.)

See his life in "Dictionary of National Biography." There are portraits of him by Van Dyck and Van Loo which have been engraved in the Stanley Papers, Chetham Soc., III., i., clxxvi., and in the catalogue, Third Loan Exhib., Nos. 692, 763.

The first Lord Widdrington married ^{10 Jan} 1629 Mary, daughter and sole heir of Sir Anthony Thorold of Blankney in Lincolnshire. They had issue:— *she was bur at Blankney 20 Jan*

1. William (of whom later).

2. Henry, whose will follows.

Henry Widdrington.

In the name of God, Ame'. I, Henry Widdrington of Blankney in the Countie of Lincolne, Esquire, being sicke in Bodie, but of good and perfect memory and understanding (thankes be given to Almighty God), Doe ordaine and make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following: first I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of Jesus Christ, my ever blessed Saviour and Redeem^r. And my Bodie to be buried in the Parish Church of Blanckney aforesaid, in sure and Certaine hope of Resurrection to Eternall life through the merriits of Jesus Christ. And whereas, upon the late Settlement of my Brother the Lord Widdrington, his Estate by Deed dated on or about the Tenth Day of October In the yeare of our Lord One Thousand Six hundred thitie Three, upon his marriage wth his now Ladie, There is provided that the Summe of Two Thousand pounds should be paid to me for my portion, which is to be raised by that Deed in such manner and forme as is therein Contained, and for as much as I have alreadye in pursuance thereof received the Sume of Nyoe

hundred pounds, with parte of which monie I have purchased of the State Wittame Lands in Stapwicke in the Countie of Lincolne, and other Lands in Stoggesdon in the Countie of Northumberland, in the name of the Ladie Widdrington, my Mother, and some other friends of mine in Trust for me for the Summe of Six hundred pounds or thereabouts as by the severall Deeds thereof made relation being thereunto had more fullie appeareth, and the other Three hundred pounds soe by me received, the remainder of the said Nine hundred pounds is now owing to me by my said Mother, I doe dispose thereof in manner and forme following (that is to say): I give and bequeath the said Three hundred owing unto me by my said Mother unto my Ladie Mother. And for the rest of my Estate I give and bequeath as followeth: To my Sister Mary Widdrington Two hundred pounds. To my Brother Edward Widdrington One hundred and fiftie pounds. To my Brother Ephraem Widdrington One hundred pounds. To my Brother Ralph Widdrington one hundred pounds. To my brother Anthonie Widdrington seaventie and five pounds. To Master Robert Qury Twenty pounds. To Mistres frances Walker five pounds. To Francis Haddock five pounds. To Master Dyer five pounds. To Mr Joane Laurence five pounds. To my Neece Bridgett Widdrington & my Neece Elizabeth Stanley each of them a Jewell at the discretion of mine Executrix. All which severall Legacies before mentioned I will shall be paid and raised out of the aforesaid purchased Estates and of the portion given to me to be raised out of the lands mentioned in the said Deed of Settlement in such manner and forme as my Ladie Mother shall thinke fitt in her discretion to pay the same. And all the rest of my goods, Leases, and Estate whereof I am now seized or possessed of in my own right or anie person or persons in trust for me, my Debts and funerall discharged, I doe give and bequeath to the Ladie Widdrington my Mother, whome I doe hereby ordaine and make sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testam^t.

In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale The seaven and Twentieth Day of October, In the yeare of our Lord God One Thousand Six hundred fiftie six.

HENRY WIDDRINGTON.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared, in the presence of John Hutton, George Hutton, and Henry Tayler.

Proved 27 May 1657 by Ladie Mary Widdrington, the Mother and executrix (P.C.C., Ruthen, fol. 163). *Bur at Blankney 5 Nov 1656*

3. Edward (of whom later).

4. Ephraim, died s.p.

5. John, died unmarried. *Bur at Blankney 7. Sept 1640*

6. Anthony, died unmarried. "Widdrington, Anthony, Father, S.J., a native of Lincolnshire, born 1644; entered the Society 1665. In the summer of 1674 he was sent as Penitentiary to Loreto (Father John Warner's "Note and Letter Book"). He was assigned to the French Province, and was at Paris in 1679, whence he wrote a letter to the Provincial regarding the condemned Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy" ("Records, S.J.," vol. v., p. 641). "His return to the English Province is recorded in the Catalogue for 1676. He appears to have resided chiefly out of the Province. He died at Ghent 5 May 1682, and according to a letter of Father Warner dated 23 April 1683 ("Note and Letter Book"), was then on his way to Rome" (Foley's "Collectanea, English Province, S.J.," Part II., p. 841). *Bapt at Blankney 3 March*

7. Ralph, lost his sight in the Dutch War; of St. Giles-in-the-Fields; married 1708 Anne Thimelby, relict of John Fanning; mentioned in his nephew the third Lord's will and in Payne's "Catholic Non-Jurors," p. 165: "Hon. Ralph Widdrington of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, co. Middx., annuity by the will of W^m, Lord Widdrington, dated March 26th, 1694, £100." *Bur at Blankney 28. June 1715.*

"The Hon. Ralph Widdington, with the Duke of Norfolk and Edw. Burdet, were trustees for the Franciscan houses in Fleet Street" ("Franciscans in England") :—

"[W. 32, "Widdington Papers," Letter to the Commissioners.]

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE,

2^d Oct., 1718.

"SIR,

This is to certify the Board y^t ye Honourable Coronell Ralph Widdington died ye 2nd of June last, according to ye inscription upon his coffin, and was layd in ye vault lately belonging to ye Family, June 28th.

Yours in all assurance,

JOHN CONEY, Curate.

"I had not ye honour to receive yr letter till ye 29th of September last, otherwise you should have been informed before."

(Payne, "Records of English Catholics," 1715.)

Will of Hon^{ble} Radulphi Widdington, Arm'.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, the Hon^{ble} Ralph Widdington of the Parish of S^t Gyles in the fields, in the County of Middlesex, Esq^r, being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory (God be therefore praised) Do make and Ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following (that is to say) : first and principally I commend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God, firmly trusting to be saved through the Merritts and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ. And my body I committ to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named. And as for such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give and bequeath as followeth (vizt.) : Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my neice Elizabeth Langdale, the wife of the Hon^{ble} Marmaduke Langdale, the sum of ffive hundred pounds and all my books and plate, except a few Tea Spoons. Item I give and bequeath to my neice Mary Townley, the wife of Richard Townley, Esq^r, the sume of three hundred pounds. Item I give and bequeath unto my Neice Mary Crane, Spinster, the sume of ffifty pounds. And to my Godson Edmond Southcott the like sume of ffifty pounds. Item I give and bequeath unto Nevile Ridley of the Parish of S^t Anne, Soho, Esq^r, the sume of Two hundred pounds In Trust for my neice Elianor, the wife of Richard ffoster, Esq^r, and her son fferdinando and her two youngest daughters, to be applied for the maintenance of her and them as the said Nevile Ridley shall think ffit, but not to be subject to the direc^{con} of the said Richard ffoster or liable to any of his debts. Item I give and bequeath unto my neice Katherine ffoster, spinster, Ten pounds and my six silver Tea spoons. And to my neice Dorothy Widdington and Cosen Anne Sackfield Ten pounds apeece. Item I give and bequeath unto my Nephews John and Ralph Clavering, Esq^{ts}, One mourning cypher ring a peece, and unto my neice Anne Clavering the sume of Tenn pounds, and unto my Nephew Henry Widdington One mourning Cypher ring and my Clock, and unto M^r Richard flanning the picture which I have of M^r John flanning in little. Item I give and bequeath unto my servant Peter Cross the sume of Twenty pounds if he lives with me at the time of my decease. And all the rest and residue of my real and personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever (after payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expences) I give, devise, and bequeath the same unto Thomas Bateman of the Parish of S^t Martin in the fields, in the County of Midd^x, gentl, and the said Nevile Ridley, their Heires, Executors, and Administrators. And I do hereby make, Constitute, and Appoint the said Thomas Bateman and Nevile Ridley joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and hereby revoke and make void all and every former and other Will or Wills by me at any time heretofore made and every article, clause, and thing therein contained.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale, the tenth day of february in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventeen.

R. WIDDRINGTON.

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Testator in the presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed, and by us signed in his presence, Ayliffe White, W^m Burke, Rob^t Ripon.

Proved 25 June 1718 by Nevill Ridley, Esq^t, & Thomas Bateman, gent., Executors (P.C.C., Tenison, fol. 134).

8. Roger, slain at the Siege of Maestricht in 1676.
1. Mary, married Major Francis Crane of Woodrising, Norfolk. They had three daughters—Elizabeth, Jane, and Frances; entered the Convent of Blue Nuns in Paris to be educated in 1662, and subsequently took the veil there.
2. Jane, married Sir Charles Stanley, K.B., a younger son (or nephew) of William, Earl of Derby. But Collins says that Charles, third son of William, Earl of Derby, died unmarried, and was buried in Westminster Abbey as early as 24 April 1629. This Charles Stanley, however, had a nephew Charles, eldest son of his brother Sir Robert Stanley by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Arthur Gorges, Kut. (Glover's "Derbyshire," vol. ii., part i., p. 567).

XVIII. William, second Lord Widdrington, succeeded to the Peerage 10 March 1651-2, was one of the Council of State at the Restoration. He had a Bill introduced into Parliament to sell some lands for the paying of his brothers' and sisters' portions and providing for his younger children. He came from the Lords 11 April and was committed 17 April to a great number of the members of the House of Commons specially named, together with the members for Lincoln, Northumberland and Cumberland, with directions to meet the next day in the Speaker's Chamber, and to take into consideration the interest of Col. Gray and Mr. Graham, in relation to their engagements for the old Lord Widdrington, and all other persons concerned, as creditors or otherwise (Journ. H.C., VIII., 403—408), but it does not from the journals of that House appear that the measure ever passed into law. Died in 1675. (Tynemouth Registers, 1607—1700) "1675, 15 December, M^d. The L^d. Witherington brought on shore at ye Low Lights this day and carried in a coach, etc., to Witherington, to be interred there. He died in London and was brought downe in one of his Maties Catches."

Will of William Lord Widdrington.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, William Lord Widdrington, Baron of Blenkeney in the Countie of Lincolne, being in good and perfect health and shortly to goe into his Majestie's Service in the Warre,* and knowing the certaintie of Death and the uncertaintie of the tyme thereof, Doe this thirtieth Day of June in the yeare of Our Lord God One thousand six hundred seaventie and three, make and declare this my last Will in manner and forme following: First and principally I give my Bodie and Soule to God that gave it. After my decease I desire my Bodie may be interr'd amongst my Ancestors at Widdrington Castle, if it may be. I doe by these Presents revoke all former and other Wills; and by these Presents I doe make and ordaine Elizabeth Ladie Widdrington my wife and my Brother Ralph Widdrington, esq^t, sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. This is the last Will and Testament of mee, the above-named William Lord Widdrington, by mee made and declared the Day and yeare first above written. Touching the disposition of all such Mannors, Lands, Tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts} in the Counties of Northumberland and Lincolne or either of them

* In 1672 Charles II. and Louis XIV. made war as allies on the Dutch. Peace signed in 1674.

wh^{ch} I have Power to dispose of, I give and devise to the said Elizabeth Lady Widdrington my wife and my said Brother Ralph Widdrington and their Heires All and singular my Messuages, Lands, Tenem^{ts}, and hereditaments in Newbiggin, Woodhorne, Ellington, Great Swinburne, Colwell, and Tenehouse, or elsewhere in the said Countie of Northumberland, whereof I or any in Trust for mee is or are seised in Fee-simple. And all those my Mannors of Martin with the Appurtenances, and all those two farmes, one called Hixon's Farme and Smith's Farme, and all lands thereto belonging in Blankeney in the Countie of Lincolne. And all that Farme called Seymor's Farme and Lands thereto belonging in Scawpewicke in the said Countie of Lincolne, and all my Lands, Tenements, and hereditaments in the said Countie of Lincolne, whereof I or any other in Trust for mee is or are seised in Fee-simple. And the Reversion and reversions, Remainder and remainders thereof, and of every part therof in these presents mentioned. And all the Estate, right, Title, Interest, Equitie, and benefit of Redemption, claime, and demand whatsoever of mee the said Lord Widdrington, of, in, and to the same and every part thereof. To have and to hold unto the said Elizabeth Ladie Widdrington my wife and Ralph Widdrington, their Heires and assigns, To the use of them their Heires and assigns forever, Upon Trust and Confidence, That the said Elizabeth Ladie Widdrington and Ralph Widdrington or the Survivor of them shall as soone as conveniently may be after my decease sel and dispose of the said Mannors, Messuages, Lands, and Appurtenances, and by and out of the monyes arising by Sale thereof, pay and discharge All and singular my Debts by Mortgage, Specialty or other wages. And the Residue of the monyes arising by Sale of the Premises shall put out or dispose of for the portions and maintenance of my younger Children (viz.): I doe give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary two thousand pounds. To my daughter Elizabeth fifteene hundred pounds. To my Daughter Anne fifteene hundred pounds. To my Daughter Jane fifteene hundred Pounds. To my Daughter Dorothy fifteene hundred Pounds. To my Sonne Henry fifteene hundred pounds. To my sonn Edward fifteene hundred pounds. To my sonne Roger fifteene hundred pounds—to be paid to them respectively at their Ages of One and Twentie yeares or at their Dayes of marriage, if it first happen, Provided they marrie with the consent of Elizabeth Lady Widdrington their Mother; And the interest of the said money in the meane tyme to goe, to be employed towards their Education and maintenance. And if any of them dye before his, her, or their Portions become payable the same to goe and be divided amongst the Survivors of them; And in case the monyes arising by Sale of the Premises (after my Debts payd) shall fall short of the Portions by mee given and appointed as aforesaid, Then every one to abate in proportion according to their severall shares and portions; And if it should happen to fall out that there should be more monyes arise by the sale of the Premises than should pay my Debts and the abovesaid Portions, the residue and Overplus of the said monyes shall be divided amongst my said younger Children or the Survivours of them according to their severall shares and Portions. Item, I give unto the poore tenn Pounds belonging to Widdrington, Ellington, and Druredge.

In witnesse whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale the Daye and yeare abovesaid,

W. WIDDRINGTON.

Published and declared and sealed and delivered in presence of us: Edw. Charleton, Edm. Thorold, Robert Grey.

Proved 7 Sept. 1676 by Ralph Widdrington, Esquire, one of the Executors (P.C.C., Bence, 158).

Married 12 January 1653-4 at St. Paul's, Covent Garden, Elizabeth, dau. and heir of Sir Peregrine Bertie of Eveden, in Lincolnshire, Kt., a third son of Robt. first Earl of Lindsey. Her will is dated 23 June 1715 and proved in the same year. The second Lord and his wife were both reconciled to the Catholic Church. They had issue:—

1. William (of whom later).

2. Peregrinus filius Gul. Widdrington, vicecomitis presidijar de Barkwicke (Berwick Register of Baptisms) and in Visitation.

3. Roger, of Blankney, Lincolnshire, died in 1715. *Bur at Blankney 18 April 1715*
4. Henry. Will proved 1729. Widdrington, Henry, Father S.J., brother of Robert S.J., and probably son of Lord Widdrington, of Widdrington Castle, Northumberland, was born 1668 in Northumberland, entered the Society 1687, and was professed of the four vows 9 May 1705. He served the missions in the Residence of St John the Evangelist (Durham District) for many years, and was for some time its superior. The Annual Letters for 1710 declare him to be worthy of all praise. He died in his native county probably at Callaby Hall, where he was chaplain 16 November 1729, age 61 (Foley's Records S.J.). P. 165 Payne's "Catholic Non-Jurors": "Hon. Henry Widdrington, annuity under the marriage settlement of his brother W^m Lord Widdrington, dat. Ap. 27, 1677, £100." Also P. 205, "a Henry Widdrington, a papist, was amongst the Jacobites out in the '15." Probably the above, who may have acted as Chaplain.
5. Edward, born 1660, a student at Liege in 1676. Will proved in 1699.
6. Robert.

Widdrington, Robert, Father S.J., born in Northumberland 1660; entered the Society 7 September 1679. He made his noviceship at Watten, and is probably identical with Robert Watson, who was sent from St Omers September 1679 to the Novitiate at Milan. He was professed of the four vows 2 February 1697. He served the mission of Biddleston, residence of St John the Evangelist for many years, and was sometime Chaplain at Widdrington Castle, and died at Durham in January 1741-2, aged 82.

"1741-2. 17 January, Mr Robt Widdrington, a Popish Priest" (Register of Burials, St Oswald's, Durham).

He is probably the Father Widdrington who assisted James Drummond, Duke of Perth, in his conversion to the Catholic Faith. The "Orthodox Journal," September 1837, contains several letters of the Duke, in which Father Widdrington is mentioned. In his first letter he says: "After the death of the late King (Charles II.) his present Majesty (James II.) shewed me a paper concerning the true Church [probably the paper written by Charles II. himself, alluded to in p. 94, Series XII., "Records, S.J."*]. In this I met with such forcible arguments in favour of the Catholic Church, that I could not rest till I had thoroughly examined the subject by reading, conversation, and reflection. When I had entirely cleared up the first points, I found myself obliged to examine other controverted points of doctrine, and in doing this, I endeavoured to divert myself as much as possible of all partiality and prejudice. Father Widdrington, a Jesuit, eminent for his piety, shewed me on this occasion very great friendship, and was extremely useful to me." He then mentions a great difficulty he had, lest his embracing Catholicity should be ascribed to a desire of pleasing the King, rather than to a desire of saving his soul. However, the Duke overcame this scruple, and was received into the Church. "God alone," he says, "could discover to you the peace, the joy, and contentment of heart which I have since felt." He intended to have kept his change of religion a secret, until the King should have declared his will concerning some important affairs then under his consideration, "but Father Widdrington, having by mere accident discovered the secret, gave information of it to Father Manserk, a Capuchin and confessor to the King, and I have therefore no doubt that his Majesty is already acquainted with it."

* See also Eikon Basilike. "The Pourtraiture of His Sacred Majesty King Charles II., with his reasons for turning Roman Catholic." Published by King James; found in the strong box. Printed 1694.

Payne thinks the following may be the same (p. 208). "Robert Widdrington of Plessy, gent. Freehold estate at Chollerton, subject to £200 to his younger brother Michael; £150 each to his sisters Barbara and Margaret W.; and £20 annuity to the widow of his elder brother Henry; Dorothy, the widow of Will. Widdrington of Butland, gent., being named as lessor, £120 12s. 6d." (Catholic Non-Jurors.) If so Father Robert could not have been a son of Lord Widdrington. Another difficulty regarding this Robert the Non-Juror is the fact of the pedigree of Widdrington of Plessy shewing the family in the elder branch had at this time (1715) descended to females:—

1. Budget Born at Blankney 12 Nov 1684

*Born at Blankney
20 April 1687*

2. Mary, married Richard Forster. Was staying at the convent of the Blue Nuns in Paris in 1677.

3. Elizabeth, in religion "Dame Elizabeth Joseph Widdrington," daughter of Lord Widdrington of Blankney in Lincolnshire, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Sir Peregrine Bertie. She died 9 November 1730, aged 71. Professed 51 years; seventh Abbess of the Benedictine Nuns of Pontoise 20 years.

Born at Widdrington Castle 1666; entered the Convent of English Benedictine Nuns at Pontoise, founded there in 1658, a filiation from their establishment at Ghent.

The following account has been extracted from the "Convent Archives," by the kindness of Dame Mary Justina, O.S.B., Archivist of St. Scholasticas Abbey, Teignmouth, Devon:—

"Elizabeth Widdrington was born about 1658; was sent for education to the Convent School at Pontoise, where she entered the Novitiate at the age of nineteen; was professed two years later as Dame Elizabeth Joseph, and in 1711 was elected Abbess, holding the reins of government for nearly thirty years. Her grandfather was the first Lord Widdrington, who devoted his services and means to the cause of Charles I., and fought again for the restoration of Charles II., being killed in an engagement near Wigan. His son, the second Lord Widdrington, was father to our Abbess, and the third Baron (either her brother or her nephew) was brought to trial for high treason, together with the Earls of Derwentwater and Nithsdale, in 1715, but was not included in the sentence of death passed upon them."

At Lady Abbess Widdrington's death in November 1730 a mortuary notice was written, which gives the following details:—

"She was one of the daughters of the R^t Hon. Lord Widdrington, who, with his Lady her mother, being converted to the Roman Catholic Faith, neglected not the instruction of their children in the same . . . at once the whole bent of our Abbess (Elizth) was to consecrate herself to God, tho' as yet ignorant of a Religious life. The light of faith did so inflame her heart that she generously despised all difficulties to comply with this second vocation; and when she had happily compassed her pious desires and saw herself enrolled among the children of glorious St. Benedict, her whole study was to become deserving thereof by a constant and exact practice of our Holy Rule, in the most laborious employments, till it pleased God to distinguish her again in the unanimous choice of the Community to make her their Mother and guide, the which changed not her humble sentiments nor pious practices, insomuch as never to be more offended than when she was respected and honoured as she deserved." Then follows an account of her special virtues. She appears to have been very tall, as were her family generally; her father was described as "the tallest and one of the finest-looking men in any of the three kingdoms."

St. Scholastica's Abbey, now the representative of the old one at Pontoise beyond the seas, possesses an old book of the early eighteenth century containing an account of the trial of the three peers above mentioned.

3. Anne, married John Clavering of Callaly, Esq. He was born in 1659 of an ancient Catholic family. Their granddaughter Anne Barbara was the tenth and last Abbess of the English Benedictines of Pontoise; died at Hamersmith 8 Nov. 1795, aged 65. Mrs. Clavering's brother Henry was the Chaplain at Callaly. For an account of this family see Series XII., "Records, S.J."
4. Dorothy, a nun.

"In ye year 1685, May ye 29th. Honorable Dorothy Widdrington, age of 19 (in religion called Dame Agnes), daughter of ye Right Honorable Widdrington of Widdrington Castle in Northumberland, peere of England, and ye Ladye Charlotte Bertie, neece to ye Earl of Lindsay."

In our Necrology Dorothy Widdrington is entered as "Dame Agnes. Deceased Feb. 18th, 1733."

Stanbrook Abbey, Worcester. "Copied from 'Archives,' April 19th, 1906, by the undersigned Archivist,
S^r BENEDICTA, O.S.B."

NOTE.—Besides the "Necrology," there is a MS. at Stanbrook Abbey entitled: "A catalogue of ye names and ages of all those that have at any time entered into this Monastery of Our Bl^l Lady of Consolation in Cambray, as well of such as have been and are religious professed as of such as have lived for any time in ye Monastery and gone away."

The Sister Benedicta states: "As before the arrest of our Cambrai Mothers and their subsequent imprisonment at Compiègne, all their papers were seized by the agents of the 'Terror,' we are more destitute than any other Benedictine Abbey of original documents. Copies in recent years have been made for us of some papers heaped in helpless disorder, some at Lille, some at Cambrai, in the more secret parts of the Town Archives there, to which access is made very difficult. These copies are defective, and sometimes the names and dates so badly rendered by the copyists that we cannot vouch always for each item."

The monastery of English nuns at Cambray was a filiation from the one at Brussels, founded in 1623 by Dames Potentiana Deacon and Viviana Yaxley. On 18 October 1793 they were driven out amidst insults and barbarous usage, and imprisoned with seventeen Carmelite nuns of St. Denis; these latter were all executed. The English nuns were released in 1795, and fled to England; settled first at Wotton, in 1808 at Abbots Salford, and finally in 1838 at Stanbrook.

5. Jane. 1661-2, Jan. 26. Jane, d. of my Lord W^m Widdrington, Lord Governor of Barwicke (Berwick Register of Baptisms).

It seems very doubtful if this lady ever married. The following extracts from the archives of the Benedictine convent, Stanbrook Abbey, probably refer to her:—

"In ye year 1699, November ye 21. Entered ye Hon^{bl} Jane Widdrington, daughter to ye Right Hon^{bl} Lord Widdrington of Widdrington Castell, heretofore maide of honor to her Majesty Catherine of Portugall, Queen of Charles 2nd of England, whose court she left, and all ye honors and preferments she did and might have enjoyed in the world which actually smiled upon her, at ye very time she forsooke it, to come & lead a retired life in this our monastery with her sister (neice) Dame Agnes. Ye Chappell of ye Dead in our garden is a monument of her piety, ye building of it cost her 100^ls sterling." There is no mention of her in the

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of the 16th century

Neurology. She does not seem to have become a nun, but seems to have enjoyed by some special favour the privilege of living within the enclosure. There is no evidence of her death.

6. Catherine, married Edward Southeote of Blytheborough, Lincolnshire; she died at Cambray in 1758 (Newe. Cour.); at school at Hammersmith 1686.

WIDDINGTONS WHO WERE CATHOLIC RECUSANTS, 1715.

From "A true and exact list of all and every such Papist or Papists who have registered or caused to be registered their names and real estates, pursuant to the Acts of Parliament made for that purpose (from the Sessions Book)":—

Widdington, the Hon. Henry, youngest brother of the Right Hon. William, Lord Widdington of Blankney.

Widdington, the Hon. Elizabeth, of Horsley, widow.

Widdington, the Hon. Anne, of Cheesburn Grange, widow of William Widdington, Esq.

Widdington, Robert, of Plessey, Gentleman.

Widdington, Edward, of Colt Park, Gentleman.

Widdington, Edward Horsley, of Horsley, Esq.

XVIII. 3. Edward Widdington. Whitelock mentions a Sir Edward Widdington, who, after the defeat of the Royalist party at Marston Moor in 1644, passed over to Ham-
burgh with the Earl of Newcastle, Lord Widdington, and others; was slain at the Battle of the Boyne 1 July 1690. By a very polite and cautious electioneering letter from the Duke of Newcastle to Sir John Swinburne in 1676, it would appear that this Edward was a candidate in that year for some office in the county. 10 June 1681 a true bill for high treason was found against Edward Widdington, Esq., of Felton; Henry Thornton of Witton Sheeles, Gent.; and William Thornton of Netherwitton, Gent., for sending Nicholas Thornton, Esq., and Henry Thornton, gent., to the College of St. Omers ("Canon Raine's Depositions," etc., p. 248). Married Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Horsley, a Catholic knight, being her second husband. She had married formerly, about 1655, Robert Lisle of Felton, who died without issue.

"1660-1, Feb. 23. That most honorable and most valiant capitaine M^r Edward Widdington and the most vertuous and illustrious Lady, M^{rs} Dorothy Lisle, was married 23 Feb. 1660-1" (Felton Register).

"1679, July 22. Madame Dorothy Widdington, wife to the Honorable Capt. Edward Widdington of Felton, etc.; bur. at Felton 22 July" (*Ibid.*).

Will dated 1657. Had issue:—

1. Thomas, s. to the Royall and renowned Capitaine Edward Widdington, was born Nov. 20 (*Ibid.*). *Buried at Blankney 4 Dec 1661*

2. Edward (of whom later).

3. William, son to Capt. Edward Widdington; buried at Felton 29 September 1673.

1. Mary, baptized at Felton 31 October 1662.

2. Dorothy.

3. Eleanor. *John's Catherine mar Richard Foster of Newtham articles before marriage 10 Sept 1683*

XIX. 1. Edward Widdington, aged 8 in 1656, died 1705; a direct descendant of Edward I., King of England (see Burke's "Royal Families"); married Elizabeth, daughter of Caryl, third Lord Viscount Molynceux (see "Sefton" in "Peerage"), and sister of Anne,

*Edward W died
& was interred
about 13 Oct 1661
(Blankney Reg)*

wife of William Widdrington, Esq., of Cheesburn Grange, Northumberland. Mentioned p. 205, Payne's "Catholic Non-Jurors": "Hon. Elizabeth Widdrington of Horsley, widow of Edward Wid. and dau. of Caryl, Lord Montague (*sic*); annuity out of Felton dating from June 24th, 3 Jac. II., £400."

The Hon. Elizabeth Widdrington "of St. Andrew's, Holborn, widow, desires to be buried near her dau. Mary, who lies in the Church of St. Paul, Covent Garden, and names her nieces Elizabeth, Bridget, and Ann Molyneux, and Mary, the dau. of my sister Anne Widdrington of Cheesburn Grange, son Edward H. Widdrington and his dau. Elizabeth Margaret, and her sister Dame Frances O'Neil (6 June 1730—26 Jan. 1731)." (Payne's "Records of English Catholics," p. 49.)

Had issue:—

1. Edward (of whom later).
1. Teresa, married Sir William Wheeler of Leamington Hastings in Warwickshire, Baronet.
2. Bridget.

XX. Edward Horsley Widdrington of Felton, Esq., died 13 October 1762. Will proved 1763. Married 1728 Mary, daughter of Humphrey Weld of Lulworth Castle in Dorsetshire, Esq. Mentioned p. 210, "English Catholic Non-Jurors of 1715," by J. Orlebar Payne, M.A.: "Edward Horsley Widdrington of Horsley, Esq.: Estate at Felton and Bokenfield, subject to £400 annuity to his mother the Hon. Mrs Widdrington, and of £5 to Francis Read, Gen., £1283 14s. 7d." Had issue:—

1. Elizabeth Margaret, sole heiress. She inherited £100,000 ("Gent. Mag.," 1762), and is probably the Elizabeth Widdrington who entered the Bar Convent at York 1738 to be educated. Married Thomas Riddell of Swinburne Castle, brother of Ralph Riddell of Cheesburn Grange, second son and heir by will of his uncle Ralph Widdrington, his mother's brother. Died in 1797. This Thomas Riddell and his father engaged in the chivalrous rebellion of 1715. The father escaped from Lancaster Castle, and died at Swinburne Castle 174—. Thomas, the son, was taken to London; on 14 June 1716 with others, was arraigned for treason and pleaded guilty, but was reprieved. His good behaviour in prison is spoken of with approbation in the "Secret History of the Rebellion." He sold Fenham Colliery to the Ord family, who had purchased the fee simple of the ground of that estate of his great-grandfather in 1695. He died in 1777. Had issue:—
 1. Thomas, married 19 April 1790 Margaret, daughter of William Salvin of Croxdale in co. Durham, by whom he had issue one son Thomas, who died young; he died at Felton Park 24 November 1798.
 2. Edward Horsley Widdrington of Felton, married 5 July 1792 Isabella, daughter of William Salvin of Croxdale; he died s.p. at Stella Hall in co. Durham 26 January 1792-3, aged 27; after which his widow married secondly, 9 May 1813, Ralph Riddell of Cheesburn Grange, Esq.
 3. Ralph (of whom later).
 1. Mary.
 2. Dorothy.
 3. Elizabeth, married John Clifton, Esq., of Lytham in co. Lancaster; she died 19 November 1825.

4. Anne, married 25 November 1792 Sir Walter Blount, Bart., of Sodington, Worestershire, and Mawley Hall, Salop; she died February 1823.

Ralph Riddell of Felton, Esq., married 23 July 1801 Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Blount, second son of Michael Blount of Mapledurham, co. Oxford. He succeeded to Felton and Horsley on the death of his brother Edward, and to Swinburne Castle on the death of his brother Thomas. Had issue:—

1. Thomas, and other issue; see Burke's "Landed Gentry," where their arms are given: "Argent, a chevron gules between three ears of rye, slipped and bladed vert;" quartering WIDDRINGTON, "Quarterly Argent and gules, a bend sable." Crest: "A demi-greyhound proper." Note: In the plate it is a demi-lion holding in his paws an ear of rye.

Born at Blankney 26 Jan. 1655/6

XIX. William, third Lord Widdrington, was one of the Council of State at the Restoration of Charles II. By his will, which is dated 26 May (or March) 1694, and proved 4 May in the following year, he settled his estate on his three sons in tail male, with reversion to his right heirs.

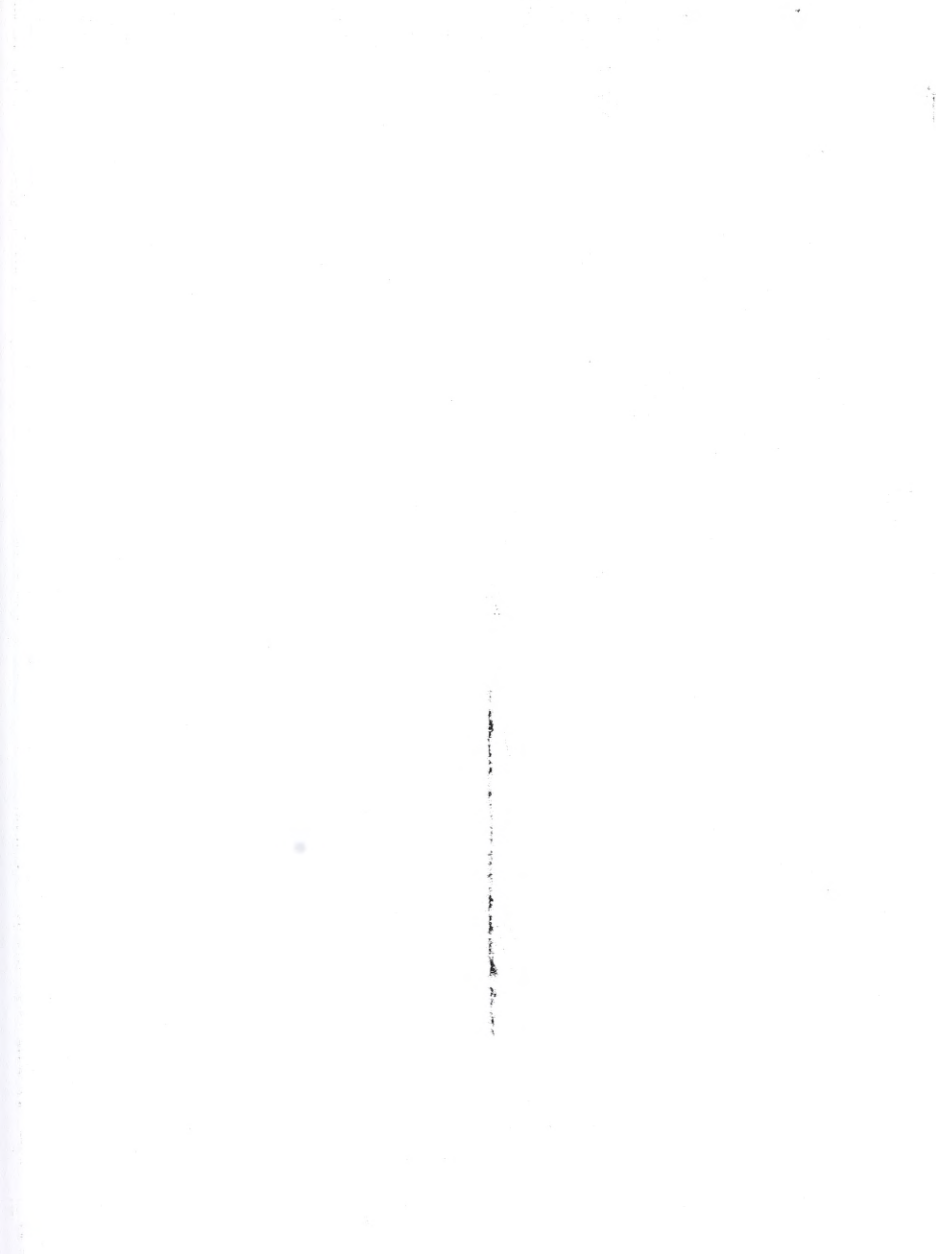
Tm: Prænobilis et hono' viri Will'mi D'ni Widdrington.

In the name of God, Amen. I William, Lord Widdrington, Baron of Blankney, in the County of Lincoln, being in good health and perfect mind and memory, praised to God for the same, doe make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following: first I doe give and bequeath my soul unto the hands of Almighty God, firmly trusting to be saved by the merits and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ, my body I doe bequeath unto the earth to be buryed in the Church of Blankney in the County of Lincoln with all privacy that can be, And as for the temporall estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I give and bequeath the same as followeth: And first, whereas I am now seised in fee simple of all those Messuages, Mills, Land, and Tenements and hereditaments, with their and every of their appurtenances called Newbegin, Woodborn, and Elington, in the County of Northumberland, And also two fformes called Hixsons forme and Smiths forme in Blankney aforesaid, and all that forme called Somers forme in Scabricke in the said County of Lincoln, and my lands in Little Whittington in the County of Northumberland, And whereas my cousen William Stanley, late of the parish of St Martin in the fields in the County of Middlesex, Esq., in his last Will and Testament beareinge date the Tenth day of Aprill 1691, hath devised to me the Mannor of Thurlby Martin and certain Land in Aslakly and a house at Ancaster and all Lands thereunto belonging in the County of Lincoln, charged with the payment of his debts and Legacies therein named in such manner as in and by the said Will it doth and may appeare. I doe hereby give and devise all and singular the above-named Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and hereditaments, and all other the said premises in the said severall Counties of Northumberland and Lincoln or either of them unto the right honorable the Lord Fairfax, Viscount Ennule, in the kingdom of Ireland, and the Hon^{ble} Ralph Widdrington my uncle To have and to hold all and singular the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and hereditaments with their and every of their appurtenances to the said Charles Lord Viscount Fairfax and Ralph Widdrington and their heires Upon the Trust hereafter mentioned, And whereas the said William Stanley did by his said last Will devise and bequeath to me the said ariers of an Annuity of six hundred pound p ann^y due by the right honorable the Earle of Darly and Decreed to him by the High Court of Chancery in the year of our Lord 1688 amounting to the sume of Nine Thousand pound or thereabouts and whereunto I am justly intitled as Executor of the said last Will and Testament of the said William Stanley, I doe also give and bequeath the said ariers of the said Annuity to the said Charles Lord Fairfax and Ralph Widdrington their Executors, Administrators, and Assignes Upon the Trust hereafter mentioned and declared, That is to say In Trust That the said Ralph Widdrington shall and may receive and take out of the rents of Blankney and Seabricke aforesaid the yearly sum of One hundred pound during the terme of his naturall life, And upon this further Trust That the said

Charles Lord fairfax and Ralph Widdrington and the survivor of them his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall pay or cause to be paid all such debts as I shall truly owe at the time of my death, And also to M^{rs} Elionor fairfax yearly dureing her naturall life the som' of fforty pounds, and to the honorable Elisabeth Widdrington my sister yearly dureing her naturall life the sum'e of five and Twenty pound or Two hundred pound in money. To my Lady Dorothy Pavord, my aunt, yearly dureing her naturall life Ten pound. To my cousen M^{rs} Elisabeth Widdrington yearly dureing her naturall life Twenty pound. The said yearly payments or som'es of mony to be paid at such dayes wherein they are made payable according to the securities heretofore given for the same. To my son Charles Widdrington the Annuity or yearly payment of One hundred pound dureing the terme of his natural life at the feast of the Annunacion of our blessed Lady and S^t Michael th' Archangell by equall payments. The first payment thereof to begin at such of the said feasts as shall first happen next after my said son Charles Widdrington shall attain the age of one and Twenty yeares, or one Thousand pound in mony, And upon this further Trust to pay to my daughter Apolonia Widdrington the sum'e of Two Thousand pound. To my daughters Elisabeth Widdrington and Mary Widdrington to each the some of fiftene hundred pound for their portions at their respective dayes of marriage, and to every of the said daughters till their respective portions become payable the sum of One hundred pound yearly for their respective maintenances, provided they live in England. To my Pedegreen Widdrington (*sic*) the Annuity or yearly payment of One hundred and fifty pound dureing the terme of his naturall life at the feasts and times before mentioned, or the some of fifteen pound. But if any of the said sons and daughters shall depart out of this Realme of England and settle his or her self to live and remain beyond the seas, in such case my will is, That he or she shall have nothing of his or her respective portions or Annuities. And in case it should happen That any of the said within named sons and daughters should dye or settle beyond the seas before he or she attains the age of one and Twenty, That then their respective portions should be equally divided amongst the rest, And upon this further Trust, That they, the said Charles Lord fairfax and Ralph Widdrington shall pay to all my Brothers and Sisters that shall be living at the time of my death the sum'e of Ten pound apeice to buy them mourning, and to all my Cousen Germain that be then living the sume of five pound apeice to buy them mourning. To my cousen Tereza Widdrington the sume of five hundred pound for a Legacy, besides mourning. Also I devise to my Nephew and Godson, William Clavering, the choice of one horse I shall be possesst of at the time of my death. And that in the next place the Lady Widdrington my Mother, the said Charles Lord fairfax, and the Lady fairfax his wife, and my Aunt, Mrs. Apolonia Yates, and the honorable Jane Widdrington my sister, may each of them in order as they are here named chuse and take any one particular thing amongst my goods and chattells. And to my uncle Ralph the next choice of any one thing. And the better to inable the said Trustees to perform the Trust hereby reposed in them I doe hereby give and bequeath to them all su'me and sumes of money that shall be due unto me at the time of my death. And I further bequeath the su'me of One hundred pound to such poor persons as my said trustees shall think fitt to give and dispose the same unto. And the further and better to inable my said Trustees to perform this my last Will I doe hereby appoint and devise That it shall and may be lawfull for them to Lease, Mortgage, and sell any part of the premisses for the performance thereof. And if there shall be any residue after the payment of my debts, portions, Annuities, and Legacies here above mentioned, I devise the same residue to the use of my son William Widdrington, and his heires males. And for default of such to the use of my second son Charles Widdrington and his heires males. And for default of such to the use of my third son Pedegreen Widdrington and the heires males of his body. And for default of such issue To the use of my right heires. And I doe constitute and appoint the said Charles Lord fairfax and Ralph Widdrington Executors of this my last Will and testament.

In witnes whereof I, the said William Lord Widdrington, have hereunto set my hand and seale this Six and Twentieth day of March in the yeare of our Lord One Thousand six hundred and ninety four.

W. WIDDINGTON.





THE HON. PEREGRINE WIDDRINGTON.

By kind permission, from a miniature in the possession of
Major Tempest of Broughton Hall.

Signed, sealed, and published in the presence of John Layton, Matthew Osbeston, George Green-mith.

Proved 4 May 1695 by Charles Lord Fairfax, Viscount of Emule in Ireland, and the Hon^{ble} Ralph Widdrington, Esquire, executors (P.C.C., Irby, 84).

Married about January 1676 Alatheia, daughter and heir of Charles, fifth Lord Viscount Fairfax, of Emley. Lord Widdrington held in trust for the Franciscans £900. He acted as their Syndic or agent ("Franciscans in England," by Fr. Thaddeus, O.F.M., 1898). Had issue:—

1. William (of whom later).

2. Charles, supposed to have died 1756; pardoned after the '15.

Charles Widdrington (second son of the third Lord Widdrington) engaged with his brothers in the rebellion of 1715. On 7 May 1716 Charles and Peregrine pleaded not guilty; but bills of high treason being found against them, Philip Hodgson of Tonic, their uncle by marriage, and others, on the 31st of the same month they withdrew their former pleas and pleaded guilty. They were all finally pardoned. Charles is said to have died at St. Omer's in 1736.

3. Peregrin. *Bapt. at Stonyhurst 2. May 1692*

Peregrine Widdrington, while in prison for rebellion in 1716, had the dangerous disease called the spotted fever, but recovered from it. He had been educated at the Jesuit College of St. Omer's in The Low Countries. Towards the end of his life he presented to the Sodality there "a beautiful and splendid tabernacle of four faces and a door composed of rock crystal," which had been captured in a Spanish prize "in the war which began in 1739." He married Maria Windfreda Francesca (she called herself Mary), daughter and heir of Sir Nicholas Shirburne of Stonyhurst, Lancashire, Duchess of Norfolk (her portrait is in Arundel Castle); she being left a childless widow in 1732, took up her permanent residence at Stonyhurst. Desirous of having an heir to her paternal estates, she contracted this second marriage, over which she has, however, thrown a strange veil of mystery; but this also was childless. He was buried in the Shireburn Chapel at Mitton 20 February 1747-8, as appears from the parish register. His monument is on the wall in the south-east corner, having above the arms of Widdrington a mullet for difference, and beneath the following inscription from the pen of the Duchess, who, however, says no word as to the important circumstance that he was her husband:—

"In this vault lies the body of the Hon. Peregrin Widdrington. The Hon. Peregrin Widdrington was youngest brother of William, Lord Widdrington, who died April the 17th, 1743. This Peregrin was a man of the strictest friendship and honour, with all the good qualities that accomplished a fine gentleman; he was of so amiable a disposition and so engaging, that he was beloved and esteemed by all who had the honour and happiness of his acquaintance, being ever ready to oblige and to act the friendly part on all occasions, firm and steadfast in all his principles, which was delicately fine and good as could be wished in any man; he was both sincere and agreeable in life and conversation. He was born May 2nd, 1692, and died Feb. 4th, 1748-9 (*sic*). He was with his brother in the Preston affair, 1715, where he lost his fortune with his health by a long confinement in prison. This monument is set up by the Dowager Duchess of Norfolk in memory of the Hon. Peregrin Widdrington."

On the armorial lozenge upon the Duchess's coffin her arms are impaled with those of her first husband alone. She died at Preston 25 September (according to the inscription upon her coffin), and was buried at Mitton on 20 October 1754 ("History of Stonyhurst," pp. 82, 83).

The following story of the last of the Shireburns is taken from "Memorials of the Howard Family," by Henry Howard of Corby Castle, 1834:—

"I have heard the late Duke of Norfolk relate that Edward, Duke of Norfolk, when a

younger brother, engaged in the rebellion in 1715, and was taken in arms and committed for trial. On this his brother Thomas, the eighth Duke, went to Court, and stated that if his brother was not proceeded against hostilely he would acquiesce in the new order of things, and not engage in any steps against the Hanover family. Edward was brought into Court, but the witnesses not appearing he was acquitted. He had before desired the Duke, if he was found guilty, to let him be executed, that he might not attain his succession. On the other hand, it was related that his Duchess gave him up as having truckled to the usurper, and returned to her own place at Stoneyhurst."

Will of Peregrine Widdrington.

I, the Honourable (*sic*) Peregrine Widdrington, now of the Parish of Saint George, Haunover Square, in the County of Middlesex, Esquire . . . my Body . . . to be buried at the discretion of my Executor . . . in case I shall happen to depart this Life not leaving any Issue of my Body lawfully begotten . . . I give . . . unto Sir Edward Gascoigne of Parlington in the County of York, Baronet, Stephen Tempest the Elder of Broughton in the said County of York, Esquire, and James Shuttleworth, Esquire, Eldest son of Richard Shuttleworth of Gawthorpe in the County of Lancaster, Esquire, and their Heirs, all those my Mannors or Lordships, etc. . . . in the County of Gloucester and in Penbridge Newton (otherwise Welch Newton), Gannerew, Whitechurch, Garraway, Saint Waynards, and Langarren . . . in the County of Hereford, and in Bithsby (*alias* Bittesby), Claybrook, and Willey, or any of them, in the Counties of Leicester and Warwick, and in Chiswick in the County of Middlesex . . . for the several Intents and Purposes hereinafter expressed . . . my . . . dwelling House in Chiswick . . . purchased by me in the Name of Sir Walter Wagstaff Bagot, Baronet, of Richard Cary, Esquire . . . To the use and behoof of her Grace Mary Dutchess Dowager of Norfolk . . . during the Term of the life . . . after the decease of the said Mary Dutchess Dowager of Norfolk . . . the said Message . . . and . . . all and singular my Mannors or Lordships, Capital Messuages, etc. . . . in the Countys of Gloucester, Hereford, Leicester, and Warwick, or elsewhere . . . in Case I shall happen to depart this Life without leaving any Issue of my Body lawfully begotten . . . To the use of my Nephew the Honourable William Tempest Widdrington of Stanley in the County of Durham . . . during the Term of his natural life . . . and after the decease of the said William Tempest Widdrington To the use of the first, second, third, fourth, and all and every other the son and sons of the Body of the said William Tempest Widdrington, etc. . . . and for default of such Issue To the use of my Nephew John Towneley, Esquire, and his heirs, etc. . . . and for default of such Issue To the use of my Nephew the Honourable Marmaduke Langdale and his heirs, etc. . . . and for default of such Issue To the use of my own Right Heirs . . . and I do hereby declare my Will to be that if any of the Sons or Issue Male of the Body of them, the said William Tempest Widdrington, John Townley, or Marmaduke Langdale, to whom an Estate in Tail Male is hereinbefore limited, of and in the said Mannors, Messuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, or any other person or persons to whom any Estate for Life or in Tail is by this my Will before limited, either in possession or in Remainder, shall at any time or times hereafter be engaged in or dependant upon any Society or Community of people residing in parts beyond the seas having made any solemn declaration so to remain unmarried, or shall make any solemn declaration or be under any Obligation of Celibacy, that then and in such Case the use and Estate hereby limited to the son or sons or Issue Male of the Body of the said William Tempest Widdrington, John Towneley, and Marmaduke Langdale, or such other person or persons who shall so engage in or be dependent upon any such Society or Community of People as aforesaid, or who shall make such declaration or be under any Obligation of Celibacy as aforesaid, and to the Heirs Male of his and their Body and Bodies shall cease to determine and be void to all Intents and Purposes as if such Son or Sons or Issue Male or such other person or persons as aforesaid was and were dead without Issue of his and their Body and Bodies, and such Son or Sons or Issue Male or such other person or persons who shall be so engaged

in or dependent upon any such Society or Community of People as aforesaid, or who shall make such declaration or be under any Obligation of Celibacy as aforesaid, and becoming intituled as aforesaid shall take no kind of benefit by or under this my Will. Provided always and I do hereby declare my Will to be that if I shall depart this Life without leaving any such Issue of my Body . . . then all my said Mannors, Messuages, etc. . . . Except the said Messuage or dwelling house and Premises in Chiswick aforesaid, shall stand charged with the Payment of the Several Sums or Annuities hereinafter mentioned . . . my Aunt the Honourable Catherine Southcote, Widow and Relict of Edmund Southcote, late of Blighbrough in the County of Lincoln, Esquire, . . . one Annuity of one hundred pounds by the Year for her life . . . my said Nephew John Townley . . . one Annuity of one hundred pounds by the Year for his Life . . . to Robert ffinkel, if he shall be in my Service at my death, one Annuity of Twenty pounds . . . for his Life . . . Item, in case I shall happen to depart this Life not leaving any Issue of my Body lawfully begotten . . . I give . . . To my Neice Mary Townley the sume of Two thousand pounds . . . to my Nephew the Honourable Henry Francis Widdrington, comonly called Lord Widdrington, the sume of Twenty pounds . . . my said Nephew Marmaduke Langdale the sum of Twenty Pounds . . . to the said Lord Langdale the sume of Twenty Pounds . . . to my sister the Lady Langdale the sume of one hundred pounds . . . to my Neice the Honourable Dame Dorothy Vavasour, Wife of Sir Walter Vavasour, Baronet, the sume of Twenty pounds . . . to my Neice the Honourable Elizabeth Langdale the sume of one thousand pounds . . . to my Neice the Honourable Maria Teresa Eyre . . . Twenty pounds . . . to the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount flauconberg the sume of one hundred pounds of like money to buy a Ring, as a Token and in remembrance of the Great obligations I have formerly received from him . . . to William Sheldon of Weston in the County of Warwick, Esquire, son of Ralph Sheldon, late of Weston aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, the sume of Twenty Pounds of like money to buy a Ring as a Token and in remembrance of friendship which has long subsisted betwixt us . . . to my said servant Robert ffinkel, if he shall be in my Service at the time of my death, all my Wearing Apparel and all my Wearing Linnen. Item, I give and bequeath to my servant James Tasker, if he shall be in my Service at the time of my death, one Year's Wages . . . to each of my said Trustees, the said Sir Edward Gascoigne, Stephen Tempest, and James Shuttleworth, the sume of one hundred pounds in confidence that they will perform the Trusts by this my Will reposed in them. Item, I give and bequeath unto the said Sir Edward Gascoigne, Stephen Tempest, and James Shuttleworth . . . the sume of four thousand pounds to be raised out of my Personal Estate upon Trust . . . to lay out . . . in Purchase of the fee simple . . . of Lands or Tenements . . . I do hereby declare that the said Sir Edward Gascoigne, Stephen Tempest, and James Shuttleworth, and the survivor of them, &c. . . . may from time to time out of the said sume of four thousand pounds . . . deduct and pay unto themselves all Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences that they or any of them shall sustain . . . and to all the rest and residue of my Personal Estate I give the same to my said Nephew William Tempest Widdrington for his own use. Provided always, nevertheless, and I hereby expressly declare my mind to be that if there shall happen to be any lawful Issue of my Body living at or Born in due time after my death, then all and every the devises, Limitations, uses, and declarations hereinbefore contained touching my said several Mannors, Lands, and Hereditaments, etc. . . . and also all and every the Gifts and bequests shall cease and be void to all intents and purposes, and I Constitute and appoint my said Nephew William Tempest Widdrington Executor of this my Will . . . contained in Ten sheets of paper . . . to the last of which Sheets I have subscribed and signed my name and set my seal this ninth day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven.

PERE WIDDRINGTON.

Geo. Lamont, John Cross, Tho. Rawlins, Witnesses.

Proved 16 Feb. 1747 by Hon^{ble} William Tempest Widdrington, Esquire, Nephew of the deceased and sole Executor (P.C.C., Strahan, 67).

[Only the long legal phraseology has been curtailed.]

1. Mary, married Richard Towneley of Towneley, who was out in the '15. She died July 1731; buried at Burnley. Her picture was at Towneley Hall. Her second son John of Cornsay House, afterwards of Towneley, succeeded to the estate of Stella, from Henry Francis Widdrington, commonly called Lord Widdrington, the last male of the main line; also to family portraits and relics. The Towneley family is now also descended to females. The representatives of Mary Widdrington are the daughters of the late Colonel Charles Towneley.

(1) Caroline Theresa, eldest daughter, married the Earl of Abingdon, and in her issue coheirress to her father. Had issue:—

1. Montagu Charles Francis, Lord Norreys (see "Peerage"), born 3 October 1860; married 25 July 1835 Hon. Rose Riversdale Glyn; had issue a son and a daughter; as eldest son of eldest coheir would now be representative of Widdrington of Widdrington.

1. Mary Caroline, married Lt.-Colonel Lord Edmund Talbot (see "Peerage").
2. Alice Josephine, married Sir Gerald Portal, K.C.M.G., etc. (see "Peerage").

3. Cecil Josephine, married Major Paul Kenna. V.C., D.S.O., 21st Lancers. She died without issue 3 October 1895.

(2) Emily Frances, married 6 August 1863 Lord Alexander Gordon Lennox (see "Peerage," D. Richmond).

(3) Alice Mary, married 2 August 1871 Lord O'Hagan, K.P. (see "Peerage"). And the daughters of the late Lt.-Colonel John Towneley of Towneley. Issue of John Towneley:—

(1) Richard Henry, born 5 February 1849; died s.p. 1877.

(1) Theresa Harriet, married Capt. John de la Cour.

(2) Lucy Evelyn, married 10 January 1877 John Murray of Touchadam and Polmaise, co. Sterling.

(3) Mary Elizabeth, a nun of Notre Dame (Namur).

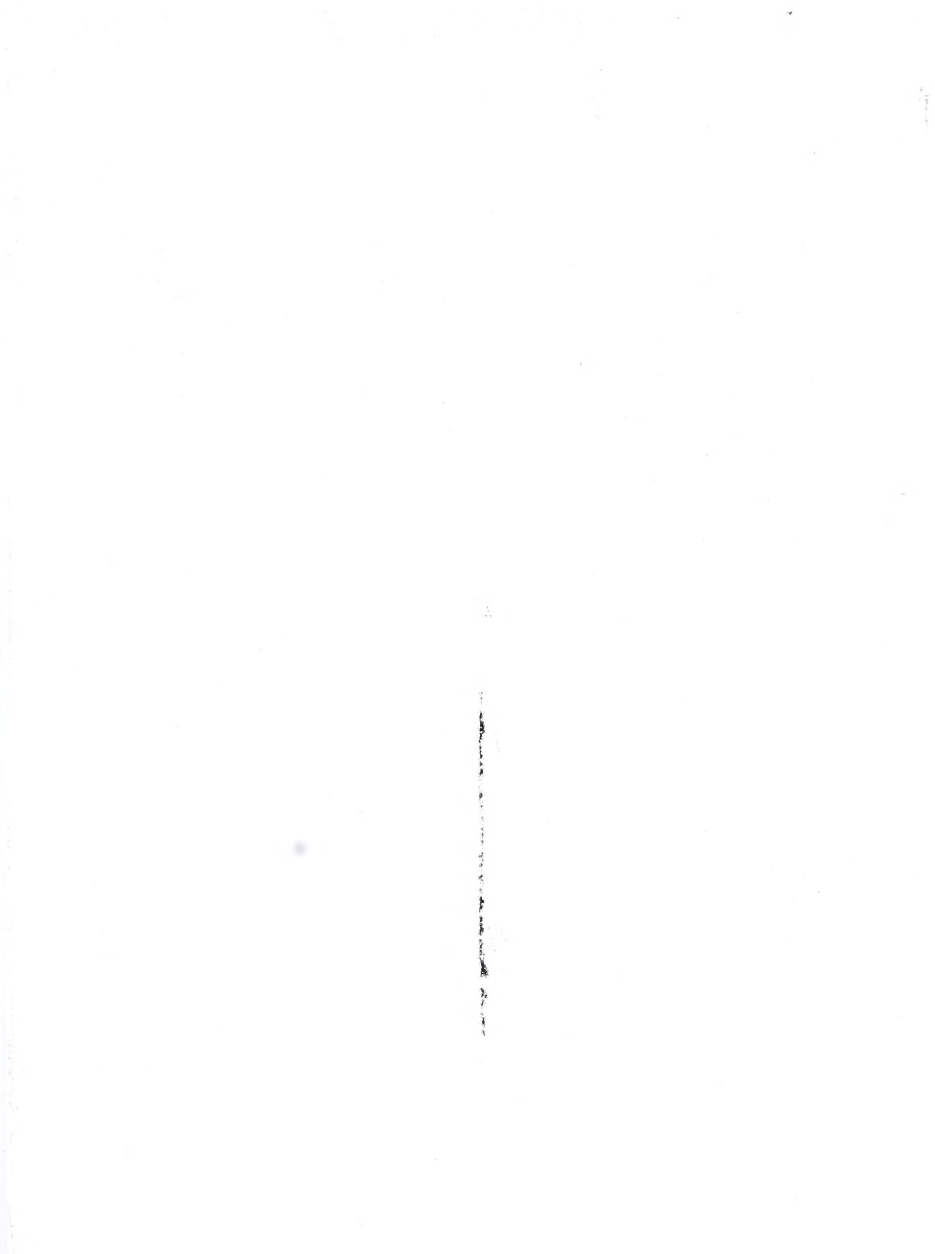
(4) Mabel Anne, married 23 January 1890 Lewis Henry Hugh, 9th Baron Clifford of Chudleigh.

Colonel John Townley died 21 February 1878, when the estates devolved on the daughters of his elder brother, Colonel Charles Towneley, and his own daughters as joint coheirs.

2. Elizabeth, married Marmaduke, fourth Lord Langdale, eldest son and heir of Marmaduke, third Lord, by Frances, daughter of Richard Draycott, and by her, who died in London 7 January 1765,* had issue Marmaduke, his son and heir, and three daughters, whereof Alatheia died unmarried, Dorothy was the wife of Sir Walter Vavasour of Haselwood in Com. Ebor., Baronet, and Elizabeth. His Lordship did (*sic*) in 1771, and was succeeded by his only son, Marmaduke, fifth and last Lord Langdale, with whom the honour terminated in 1777. His lady was Constantia, daughter of Sir John Smyth of Acton Burnel in Com. Salop, Baronet, by whom he had a son Marmaduke, who died young, and four daughters, namely, Constantia, that died young; Elizabeth, married to Robert Butler, Esquire, of Ballyragget in the Kingdom of Ireland; Mary, to Charles Philip, Lord Stourton; and Apollonia, to John,

* See Payne's "Old English Catholic Missions, Holme, Anniversaries of the Family of Langdale."

*See Townley
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WILLIAM WIDDRINGTON, FOURTH LORD WIDDRINGTON.

By kind permission, from a photograph in the possession of Miss Widdrington,
taken from a picture by Van Loo

son of Lord Clifford of Chudleigh. Arms: "Sable, a chevron between three estoiles argent." (Banks' "Dormant and Extinct Baronage.")

3. Apollonia, a nun. "Mary Austin" Appollonia Widdrington was professed at the Augustinians (English nuns) in Paris 1701; died 1718; was left £2000 in her father's will 26th March 1694, on condition she did not settle beyond the seas before the age of 21. She would seem to have forfeited her portion in consequence. *apollonia Allathia. IV. Barb at Blankney 6. August*

XX. William, the fourth Lord Widdrington, educated at Morpeth Grammar School, succeeded to the Peerage 10 Feb. 1694-5, together with his brothers Charles and Peregrine joined the insurrection against the house of Hanover in favour of Prince James (James III.), the son of James the Second, and by this rash adventure, as by a stroke of lightning, blasted and withered a family that had for seven centuries flourished in affluence and honour, and dissipated a fortune that had taken the labours and the prudence of the same period to accumulate and keep together. They were all three taken in arms at Preston, tried, and found guilty of high treason. The articles of impeachment of high treason exhibited against James Earl of Derwentwater, William Lord Widdrington, William Earl of Nithsdale, George Earl of Wintoun, Robert Earl of Carnwath, William Viscount Kenmure, and William Lord Mahon, accused them among other things of "levying within the counties of Tiviotdale, Northumberland, Cumberland, and the county palatine of Lancaster, and elsewhere within the kingdom, a most cruel, bloody, and destructive war." The Lord Widdrington was brought to the bar, and having there also kneeled was acquainted by the Lord Chancellor with the afore-mentioned order, and asked by him if he was ready to put in his answer to the articles of impeachment of high treason exhibited against him by the House of Commons, which he said he was, and deliver the same at the bar, which answer was read as follows:—

The answer of William Lord Widdrington to the articles of impeachment of high treason exhibited against him by the honourable the knights, citizens, and burgesses of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled:

It is with inexpressible concern and affliction the said lord appears before this august assembly, charged with crimes of the most heinous nature; and though it is natural to mankind to endeavour to conceal their guilt, and make use of all manner of defence, especially in the case of life, yet as he surrendered himself at Preston, entirely relying on his Majesty's mercy, so he is now resolved not to take any measures which may argue the least diffidence of that mercy or of your lordships' goodness; and therefore the said lord confesses he is guilty of the treason wherewith he is charged in the said articles; and after having thus freely acknowledged his offence he begs leave to lay his case before your lordship, and humbly hopes when the particular circumstances are considered, it will not be thought to merit the most rigorous punishment, but that your lordships and the honourable house of commons will look upon him as a proper object of his majesty's clemency; and he humbly hopes he may not be thought the less unworthy of favour, in that he never before offended, nor was at any time privy to, or acquainted with any designs or contrivance to destroy or disturb the established government, the laws or religion of this kingdom, but came unawares into this sudden and unpremeditated action; for although he had met with public rumours and reports of intended invasions from abroad, and insurrections at home, yet he never knew or any other way heard of any formed design against the government, till he was told the night before of a meeting intended at Plainfield, Northumberland, on the sixth of October last; and being soon after informed that almost all his neighbours & acquaintance had there met in arms, he took a hasty and inconsiderate resolution of joining them; nor was he in any way prepared for such an undertaking, having only some of his own family with him, no arms but his common fouling pieces and wearing swords, and fewer horses than he had constantly kept for

several years before; and nothing but the report of so many of his friends being engaged could have hurried him on to an enterprise so unaccountably rash and unjustifiable; and he is willing to hope your lordships will esteem it some alleviation of his crime that in a commotion of that nature there was so little violation of the rights and properties of those who opposed them; for he believes few instances can be found where such a multitude continued so long in arms without doing greater acts of violence and injustice. The said lord cannot charge himself with any injurious acts to the property of his fellow subjects, and endeavoured to prevent them in others, and hopes it was thence owing in some measure that there was shown all along greater marks of moderation and humanity than is common in such a warlike and hostile proceeding. The suddenness of the attack at Preston without any previous summons admitted no time for mediating a submission before the loss of that blood which was there unfortunately spilt; but after the heat and surprise of the first action was over, a cessation of arms was desired, and upon the mutual messages which then passed the officers sent from the general encouraged them to believe the surrendering themselves would be the ready way to obtain the king's mercy, and gave them repeated assurances that they submitted to a prince of the greatest clemency in the world. Upon these hopes and assurances they made a general surrender of themselves to the king; and the said lord may justly take notice to your lordships, that as he was the last who took up arms, so he was the first who procured a meeting of the chief persons among them in order to lay them down, and cannot doubt but that your lordships and the honourable house of commons will think it equitable to make some distinction between an obstinate resistance and an early and humble submission, whereby the peace and tranquility of this part of his majesty's dominions was entirely restored. Nature has started at yielding themselves up to a certain and ignominious death, when it must be acknowledged that it was not impracticable for many of them to have escaped; and it was possible so great a number grown desperate might have attained further success, and thereby prevented the so-speedy suppressing that insurrection; that the said lord, and the rest, having with the utmost confidence relied on the assurances of his majesty's great clemency and the hopes of mercy, which had been given them from the officers who commanded the royal forces, he is encouraged, with great earnestness, to implore the intercession of your lordships and the honourable house of commons with his majesty, for that mercy on which they wholly depended; and as he doth not know where mercy was refused to those who so early and with so much resignation submitted to it, so he humbly hopes your lordships may be induced to think that the exercise of this divine virtue by his majesty towards those who cast themselves at his royal feet upon the sole prospect and expectation of it, will appear no less glorious to his majesty, and prove no less advantageous to the future quiet and tranquility of his government, than any examples of justice in such a case can be likely to do. And whatever marks of goodness and favour his majesty shall vouchsafe to the said lord will not fail to engage him, by the strongest ties of gratitude, to demonstrate in the future course of his life the most constant inviolable duty to his majesty, and the most real esteem and veneration for your lordships and the honourable house of commons.

WIDDINGTON.

And the said Lord Widdrington being asked if he had anything further to say, he begged to be excused all imperfections in the said answer, said he had been indisposed with the gout in his stomach, and was not able to employ himself in preparing his answer till last night, and finished it but this morning, and humbly implored their lordships' intercession to His Majesty for favour and mercy. And his answer and plea was recorded accordingly, and he withdrew.

Afterwards the Lord High Steward said, "Lord Widdrington, what have you to say for yourself why judgment should not pass upon you according to law?" To which his lordship replied:—

My lords, I have abandoned all manner of defence ever since I first surrendered myself to his majesty's royal clemency, and only now beg leave to repeat to your lordships some circumstances of my unhappy case, which I have already set forth in my answer. Your lordships see before you an unfortunate man who, after leading a private and retired life for many years, has, by one rash and

inconsiderate action, exposed himself and his family to the greatest calamities and misery, and is now upon the point of receiving the severest sentence directed by any of our English laws. I do protest to your lordships that I was never privy to any concerted measures against his majesty's royal person or the established government. As to the insurrection in Northumberland, I only heard of it accidentally the night before it happened, and being soon after informed that all my neighbours and acquaintance had met in arms, a crowd of confused and mistaken notions hurried me at once into a precipitate resolution of joining them, a resolution which I must own I can never since calmly reflect upon without part of that confusion I find myself under in the public acknowledgment of so much rashness and folly. After thus plunging out of my depth as unprepared for such an enterprise as the action was unpremeditated, I cannot for my own particular, upon the strictest recollection, charge myself with any violation of the properties of my fellow-subjects; but, on the contrary, I always endeavoured to encourage humanity in moderation during the whole course of our miserable expedition; and, in order to make the best atonement in my power for the great faults I had been guilty of, I can justly say that I was in no small degree instrumental in procuring a general submission to his majesty. But, my lords, however willing or desirous either I or any others might be to put a speedy end to those unfortunate troubles, self-preservation, the first and most powerful law of Nature, would have rendered the proposal vain and fruitless had not the officers who commanded the royal forces given us hopes of mercy, and assured us we submitted to a prince of the greatest clemency in the world. These hopes, and this assurance, answered the strongest objections, overcame all remaining difficulties, and gave the finishing stroke to a general surrender, whereby the further effusion of British blood was prevented, and a perfect tranquility restored to these parts of his Majesty's dominions. My lords, as this my first attempt was rash and unpremeditated, as I always used and promoted moderation and humanity towards my fellow subjects, and as I did not obstinately persist in my fault, but was the first to propose an early submission to his Majesty, I humbly hope my unhappy case, and the deplorable condition of my unfortunate children, already deprived of their tender mother, will raise a generous compassion in your lordships and the honourable house of commons; and I most earnestly entreat both your lordships and that honourable house to become intercessors with his Majesty on my behalf, for that mercy which I was encouraged to hope for when I first surrendered, and which I have ever since with the utmost confidence relied on. I have only to add my most solemn assurance, before this august assembly, that no future time shall ever find me wanting in the most inviolable duty and gratitude to that merciful prince who gives me my life, and restores a father to five miserable and distressed orphans; and I shall always retain the highest esteem and veneration for your lordships and the honourable house of commons.

The Lord High Steward then said, "Lord Widdrington, for greater certainty, I ask your lordship whether you have pleaded anything in arrest of judgment?" To which his lordship replied, "No, my lords, I have not." (State Trials, vol. vi., 6—13.)

Convicted of high treason 31 May or 7 July 1716, whereby his honours became forfeited. Derwentwater and Kenmure were beheaded. Nithsdale escaped out of the Tower, by the aid of his countess, a few hours before the time appointed for his execution. Wintoun also escaped. Widdrington, Carnwath, and Nairn were pardoned, but the attainder on their blood and property was preserved.

On Feb. 27, 1719, Lord Widdrington set forth in a petition to Parliament that he was seized as tenant entail of his paternal estate of about £3000 a year, part of which had then been sold for £32,400 for the use of the public, and the whole forfeited from him and his family for ever; but that he was also seized as tenant by courtesy of the estate of Stella, worth about £800 a year, which he had obtained in marriage, and it had been decreed by the commissioners and trustees for the public to descend after his death to his children. He therefore prayed that leave might be given to bring in a clause to be added to the Bill then depending in relation to forfeited estates, to enable his Majesty to apply out of Stella a sum

not exceeding £700 a year towards their support and maintenance. The King said he had no objection to what the house should do therein; but the question passed in the negative by a majority of 195 yeas against 126 yeas. (Jour. H. C., xix., 104.)

In another petition, 27 Feb. 1733, after stating that a clause in an Act in 1723 recited that by the sale of his real and personal estate, and the rents and profits of it received before the sale, the sum of £100,000 and upwards had been raised, and the greater part of that sum paid into the exchequer, and also directed the sum of £12,000 to be applied to the maintenance of himself and family; but he himself being incapacitated to sue, and disabled to inherit any estate that might fall to him, therefore prayed that leave might be given to introduce a Bill into Parliament for removing the incapacities occasioned by this attainder, and for granting him such other relief as the House should think fit, which Bill passed into a law by receiving the Royal Assent on the 17th of May following. (*Ibid.*, xxii., 62, 154.)

The real purchasers of the greater portion of the estate were "The Governor and Company of Undertakers for raising the Thames Water in York Buildings." The rental of the portion they purchased was stated in a printed particular to be £1808 14s. 2d.; and their bargain was for £57,100, which is somewhat "above the rate of 31½ years' purchase." Their contract with the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates was signed on March 30, 1720, and, in April 1722, they had paid in instalments of the purchase-money to the amount of £49,404 12s. 11d.; but the house, gardens, and demesne lands being represented in the particulars to be worth £500 a year, and never after the purchase producing more than £250 a year, the Company, in 1727, "drew up an account, and stated the balance with their several cravings for abatement out of the remaining part of the purchase-money, which abatements amounted in all to £5127 14s. 11½d., leaving a balance of £2567 12s. 1½d. to be discharged," which sum was paid into the Exchequer in June that year, as the real balance then due to the public; but the Lords Commissioners declared that however reasonable the deductions might be, they had no power to make them; in consequence of which the matter was referred to the Barons of the Exchequer, but the Company having got into difficulties, their creditors represented their situation with respect to this estate in a petition to the House of Commons in 1744, and an Act was passed "empowering the surviving Commissioners and Trustees of Forfeited Estates to execute proper conveyances of the late Lord Widdrington's estate in the county of Northumberland, contracted for by the York Buildings Company, to trustees for the creditors of the said Company, upon payment of a sum of money therein mentioned, into His Majesty's Exchequer." The sum mentioned in the Act was £5127 14s. 2d., so that the abatements they petitioned for were not allowed. (*Ibid.*, xxiv., 799, 821, 856, 891.)

In 1749 the estate was advertised to be sold "pursuant to a decree and subsequent order of the High Court of Chancery," the rent of the several farms being then £2619 14s. 8d., and of the colliery £40. In the following year the whole was again exposed to sale in ten lots, and, in 1751, three of the lots were still in the market, but about that time finally disposed of. Widdrington, Driridge, Chibburn, and part of Woodhorn were purchased by Thomas Revel, Esq., of Fitcham in Surrey.

Linton and part of Ellington were acquired by Dr. Askew; Woodhorn was bought by the Cresswell family; and part of the township of Woodhorn was bought by the predecessors in the title to it, the Rev. W. W. Waddilove.

Lord Widdrington, died 17 April 1743 (see inscription on his brother Peregrin's tomb at Mitton) at Bath; buried at Nunnington, Yorks. There was a William Widdrington living at Winchester 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, who was witness to several marriage entries in the Register of the Catholic Mission (Cath. Record Society, i., 149, 150, 151).

The following extracts are from Dilston Hall, or "Memoirs of James Radcliffe, Earl of Derwentwater," by W. S. Gibson:—

"Charles Radcliffe, who possessed boldness and intrepidity in danger, led his noble brother's company, and it was he who, like a good tactitian, secured the bridge at Felton Ardnaw.

"Beneath Widdrington's Halls
A lone trumpet calls
The valiant to rise for King James."

"So on the morning of the 7th, when they marched to 'Warkworth proud of Percy's name,' they were joined by Lord Widdrington, another Catholic Peer, with his two brothers, Mr. Ord, and other followers to the number of thirty. At Preston they were joined by nearly all the Roman Catholic gentry of the district, including Mr. Richard Townley of Townley, who had married Lord Widdrington's daughter Mary." (James III. was proclaimed King at Warkworth.)

In "Lord Derwentwater's Farewell" occurs:—

"Farewell, farewell, my Lady dear,
Ill, ill, thou counselled'st me:
I never more may see the Babe
That smiles upon thy knee.
And fare thee well, brave Widdrington,
And brother ever true;
Dear Nithsdale, Shafto, Errington,
Receive my last adieu."

d From a letter from Father Pippard* to the Countess of Derwentwater:—

"When I came to him that morning I found bothe his Lordship and my Lord W. on their knees at prayers, his Lordship reading the prayers aloud with a sedate and audible voice, whereto Lord Widdrington could scarce answer for concern, which made me think my Lord D. was reprieved, and that he acted this part as a friend to Lord W. (for they concluded that nobody would be suffered to come there). And indeed it was by a special Providence I got in; and my Lord acknowledged it as such, for when they had done their prayers, my Lord D. turned about and embraced me, thanking God very heartily that he saw me once more before he died. Then he said, 'he was glad he could tell me that Lord W. was reprieved; and that it was his Lordship himself who brought him the joyful tidings that he was to die, that he could truly say that he rejoiced at it, which he owned to be a great blessing from Heaven. Here the Lord W. was for speaking to him when I humbly entreated his Lordship to be as short as he could because I saw the Coaches come in for the dying Lords, and that I supposed my Lord D. would have something to say to me before he went out. Then my Lord W. said: 'my Lord D., were I to live a thousand years I should never forget you; so much courage, and so much resignation, in so much youth,' and could speak no more for trouble, but withdrew, and his Lordship was scarce out of the room when my Lord D. told me he was glad it was rather my Lord W. who was reprieved than himself, which expression having startled me a little I begged his Lordship would be pleased to inform me what could move him to say it, and he said my Lord W. was a man of greater experience than himself, and thought

* His real name was Father George Brown, S. J. He was for a long time the intimate friend and confessor of Lord Derwentwater. In January 1873 Lord Petre gave to the press a pamphlet containing the Derwentwater letters, and papers, containing some of Father Pippard's, all addressed to the widowed Countess at Hathrope, Gloucester.

a wise man by most people, therefore could serve his King and Country better than he could. This great humility did not only appear on this occasion, but on many others that morning. After this he went to confession, and did so more like a perfect religious man than one who had lived in the world."

Lord Widdrington must have taken considerable interest in the Jesuit mission, for "Lady Jane Haggerston of Haggerston, widow, gave a small sum, by her will dated September 16, 1710, to the Right Hon. William, Lord Widdrington, Baron of Blenkey, who signs a declaration of trust that the gift was for the assistance of the Jesuits of the Northern District. The document is dated May 1, 1712, and witnessed to by Charles Widdrington and Walter Tancred." (Foley's "Records," S. J., Series xii., p. 640.)

See "Records of the English Catholics, 1715," by J. O. Payne, 1889, for some Widdrington papers, particularly regarding the sale of the Blankney house estate ("the said children of the said William, late Lord Widdrington, have not given any satisfaction of their being educated in the Protestant Religion") to Joseph Banks of Revesby Abbey, co. Lincoln.

William, fourth Lord Widdrington, married Jane, eldest daughter and eventually heir of Sir Thomas Tempest* of Stella in the county of Durham, and sole surviving sister and heir of her brother Sir Francis Tempest. Marriage bond dated 13 April 1700 (Raine's "Test."). "9 September 1714, Jane Lady Widdrington, dyed" (Widdrington Register). By whom he had issue:—

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XXI. 1. Henry Francis Widdrington, born in 1700 and died s.p. 19 September 1774 at Turnham Green, and was buried at St. Pancras in London. (The Right Hon. Widdrington, commonly called Lord Widdrington.—"Gent. Mag," 1774.) After his father's death he succeeded to the estates of Stella and Stanley in the county of Durham, which were his mother's inheritance. Is said to have married Anne Gatouby of co. York.

Will of the Honourable Henry Francis Widdrington, commonly called Lord Widdrington.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, the Honourable Henry Francis Widdrington of Stella in the County Palatine of Durham, Esquire, commonly called Lord Widdrington . . . I give and devise to the Right Honorable Ralph Earl Verney in the Kingdom of Ireland and Sir Thomas Gage of Coldham Hall in the County of Suffolk, Baronet, and their Heirs All and singular, my freehold Manors, etc., . . . within the Towns, Vills, Parishes, Chappellries, Territories, or Precincts of Stella, Wintonlog otherwise Wintonlog, Bladon, Ryton, Standley, Tamfield, Lanchester, Chester le Street, and Stevenshall or elsewhere in the said County of Durham . . . and all other my freehold Manors, Lands, etc., . . . in the Counties of Gloucester, Hereford, Leicester, Warwick, and Middlesex and elsewhere in the Kingdom of Great Britain . . . to the use of Sir Thomas Wentworth of Bretten in the West Riding of the County of York, Baronet, and Marmaduke Tunstall of Wycliff in the North Riding of the said

* This branch of the Tempests always continued to profess the ancient faith. Nicholas Tempest of Stella was imprisoned for recusancy, and heavily fined; Michael and Robert Tempest of Durham were both attainted in the reign of Elizabeth, and lost all they had. This family has been fruitful in religious predilections. Edward Tempest, a secular priest, as appears by his letters to the Arch-priest Blackwell, dated Clink Prison, London, January 15, 1599, had been taken ten days before by the apostate Sacheverel. Robert Tempest, S.J., died July 1640. The Annual Letters for 1640 mention this model of religious obedience and humility for nearly thirty years as *Vinctus Christi*. Another Francis Tempest, O.S.B., was professed at Lamspring October 9, 1664, elected abbot 1709, and died 1729. Nicholas Tempest, S.J., died a prisoner for his faith February 26, 1672. John Tempest, O.S.B., professed at Lamspring 1666; died 1711. John Tempest, S.J., died at Thorndon Hall (Lord Petre's) 1737. Adrian Tempest, O.S.B., died July 3, 1737. Euphrasia Tempest died at Cambay 1689.

Stella Hall was one of the missions or the chaplaincies of the Residence of St. John the Evangelist, or the Durham District of the English Province of the Society of Jesus. (Foley's "Records," Series V.)

County of York, Esquire, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for and during and unto the full End and Term of One thousand years, to be computed from the time of my decease, and from thenceforth next ensuing, and fully to be compleat and ended . . . upon the several Trusts and for the several intents and purposes hereinafter expressed concerning the said Term, and from and after the End, expiration, or other sooner determination of the said Term of One thousand years, and subject thereunto in the mean time to the use of the first Son of the Body of me the said Henry francis Widdrington . . . and for default of such Issue to the Use of all and every the Daughter and Daughters of the Body of me the said Henry francis Widdrington . . . to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, and they to take as Tenants in Common . . . and for default of such Issue then to the heirs of Testator's wife, the Honourable Ann Widdrington, commonly called Lady Widdrington, and her assigns shall receive and enjoy, out of all the Manors and Premises, a clear Annual sum of £1200 . . . and for default of Issue, to the use of Thomas Eyre, only Son of Rowland Eyre of Hassop in Derby, Esquire, for the term of his life, without impeachment of Waste; and after the determination of that estate, by forfeiture or otherwise in the lifetime of the said Thomas Eyre, to the use of the said Ralph Earl Verney and Sir Thomas Gage and their Heirs during the life of the said Thomas Eyre, in trust, to support the contingent uses and Estates from being destroyed, and to the heirs of the said Thomas Eyre; and for default of such to the use of Edward Standish, otherwise Towneley of Standish in the County of Lancaster, Esquire, younger brother of Charles Towneley in the County of Lancaster, Esquire, during the life of the said Edward Standish; and after the determination of the Estate in the lifetime of the said Edward to the use of the said Ralph Earl Verney and Sir Thomas Gage, In trust, and to the sons of the said Edward in order of age; and for default of such issue to the use of John Towneley of Corney House in Middlesex, Esquire, and after the decease of the said John Towneley to the use of Peregrine Edward Towneley (only son now living of the said John Towneley), and to his sons; and for default of such issue to testator's own right heirs, who declares his will to be that, if any of the sons of the said Thomas Eyre, Edward Standish, John Towneley, or Peregrine Edward Towneley, or any other person whom any estate is to succeed, be engaged in or dependent upon any Society or Community of Persons residing in parts beyond the seas having made any solemn declaration to remain unmarried, or promise, or be under any obligation of Celibacy, that then, and in such case, the use and Estate hereby limited to them shall cease, and be utterly void, and of no benefit. And, as concerning the said term of one thousand years before limited to the use of Sir Thomas Wentworth and Marmaduke Tunstall, shall, from time to time, out of the rents and profits of the Manors, etc., pay the two following annuities (that is to say): to Barbara ffiorcer of the City of Durham, spinster, the yearly sum of fifty pounds, which annuity is secured by Testator to her during her natural life by bond to Elizabeth Coulson, now or late of the City of Durham, spinster; an annuity of twenty seven pounds, which is secured by testator to her the said Elizabeth Coulson, during her natural life, each of which said annuities are to be paid out of the rents, etc., comprized in the said term of one thousand years by half yearly payments. If testator should leave any heir male the said Trustees are to pay to his wife, Ann Widdrington, the annual sum of one thousand one hundred pounds, tax free. The wood in Thornelly Farm in Winlington, otherwise Winlaton Lordship (now in the occupation of William Lawson as tenant), to be cut down to pay off mortgages, etc.; also for money which may be required for renewing the lease of certain ground and messuage in the parish of S. George's, Hanover Square. Any coal mines or collieries, also hovels, shops, etc., for the purpose of carrying on the coal trade on the freehold manors, lands, etc., to be let on leases of not longer than thirty-one years. All household plate, pictures, books, household goods, and furniture which at the time of Testator's death shall be fixed or belonging to his mansion house at Stella in Durham, to be held in trust by the said Ralph Earl Verney and Sir Thomas Gage, and kept there as heirlooms as long as the same shall be useful or ornamental in or for the said mansion house, each tenant for life signing an inventory of such goods upon coming into possession of the said mansion house. Testator is also possessed of a certain piece of ground and a messuage now occupied by him, being on the South side of Stanhope Street in the parish of S. George's, Hanover Square, which has a remainder of 36 years of a lease to come,

commencing from Lady-day 1756, granted by John Phillips of S. George's, Hanover Square, carpenter, to William Ayray of the parish of S. James, Westminster, glazier, by indenture of lease dated 17 June 1757, which premises are to be held by the said Trustees for his wife Ann Widdrington, if he die leaving no heirs male, and after her decease they shall permit the said Edward Standish, otherwise Towneley, and his heirs, to hold and occupy the same, and if he shall have no sons or they die before the age of 21 years, then the said John Towneley shall have and occupy the same, and after the decease of the said John Towneley the same premises to go to Peregrine Edward Towneley, and if he dies before the age of 21, then the same to the other sons of John Towneley, and for default of such heirs to the said Thomas Eyre and his assigns. Testator also bequeaths his harpsichord and all household goods—plate, pictures, books, china, household linen, and furniture whatsoever belonging to or fixed at the house in Stanhope Street, except "my twelve Musical Books containing Pieces, Lessons or Voluntaries for Organ or Harpsichord, and such other specific things as I shall by any Codicil or Codicils to be by me hereafter made." To Barbara Towneley, eldest daughter of John Towneley, in case she shall live to be married at any time before she shall attain the age of thirty years, but not otherwise, the sum of £1000. To Elizabeth Towneley, second daughter of the said John Towneley, in case she shall live to be married at any time before she shall attain the age of thirty years, but not otherwise, the sum of £1000. To Nathaniel Pigott of Whittin in Middlesex, Esquire, but now residing in parts beyond the sea, £100 to buy a ring in remembrance. To testator's sister The Honourable Maria Teresa Eyre and to the Right Honourable Marmaduke Lord Langdale £20 each, and to the aforesaid Barbara fforcer £20. To Mr John Witham, uncle of the late Henry Witham of Cliff in the County of York, Esquire, deceased, £5. To his Steward, Mr John Staviland, £300. To Ralph Clavering of Callaly in Northumberland, Esquire, "my twelve musical books" before mentioned. Residue of all personal estate to wife Ann Widdrington, who is the sole executrix.

Signed and sealed 19 November 1772.

Witnesses, Tho^s Kiernan, John Wormald, and W^m Donaldson.

A codicil is added, dated 11 April 1774, by which the Testator revokes the nomination of Sir Thomas Wentworth of Bretton in the West Riding of Yorkshire, Baronet, and Marmaduke Tunstall of Wycliff in the North Riding of Yorkshire, Esquire, as Trustees, and directs Godfrey Bosville of Ganthwaite in Yorkshire, Esquire, and Francis Canning of Ilkocote in Warwickshire, Esquire, their executors, administrators, and assigns in the stead and place of the abovenamed Henry Stevens, late of Doctors' Commons, London, Esquire, deceased. To John Towneley of Corney House in Middlesex, Esquire, £500. Thomas Selby the elder of Biddlesden, otherwise Biddleston, in Northumberland, Esquire, £100. To "Mr Walter Ferguson of Edinburgh, who married my Brother's widow," £300. "Unto my Secretary, Richard Rigge, in case he shall be in my service at the time of my decease, and not otherwise, the sum of one hundred pounds."

Witnesses, Luke Wetten of Berkeley Square, confectioner; Edward Molineux, Wax Chandler, Queen Street, May fair; Tho^s Kiernan of Gray's Inn, Gent.

Proved 12 Sept. 1774 by the Honourable Ann Widdrington, commonly called Lady Widdrington, widow and relict of the deceased, and sole executrix of the will (P.C.C., Bargrave, 353).

2. Francis. "1713, Oct. 23, Francis, s. to Mr W^m Widdrington, buried" (Widdrington Register).
3. William Tempest, Esq., born 21 May 1712; married Anne Philips, and died about 1753.

Full extracts from the will of the Hon. William Tempest Widdrington, Esq.

The Honourable William Tempest Widdrington of Stanley in the county Palatine of Durham, but now residing at Easton Gray in the Parish of Easton Gray aforesaid in the county of Wiltshire, Esquire . . . first I commend my Soul to Almighty God and my body I commit to the Earth to be interred at the discretion of my Executrix . . . in case I shall happen to depart this life not leaving

any issue . . . I give . . . all my messuages, lands, etc., being at Stanley or elsewhere in the county Palatine of Durham . . . to the use of my brother Henry Francis Widdrington, commonly called Lord Widdrington, of Stella in the county Palatine of Durham . . . and after the decease of my said brother Henry Francis Widdrington, commonly called Lord Widdrington . . . to the use of my cousin the Honourable Marmaduke Langdale, son and heir-apparent of the Right Honourable Lord Langdale . . . after the decease of the said Marmaduke Langdale to the use of the second son of the body of the said Marmaduke Langdale . . . and of the heirs male of the body of such second son . . . and for default of such Issue to . . . my own right heirs . . . I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife Ann Widdrington . . . two Hundred pounds by the year tax free . . . Provided always and I do hereby declare my Will to be that all my said messuages, lands, etc., shall stand charged and chargeable with the payment of the several sums or annuities hereinafter mentioned (that is to say) in case I shall happen to depart this life not leaving any issue of my body lawfully to be begotten living at or born in due time after my decease, then I give and bequeath unto my sister-in-law Blanch Scudamore Phillips, spinster . . . twenty pounds by the year tax free . . . Item I give and bequeath unto my sister the Honourable Mary Teresa Eyer, wife of Roland Eyer of Hassop in the county of Derby, Esquire, after the decease of my said wife, the Diamond Ring which did belong to my late uncle Peregrine Widdrington, deceased, as a family Ring. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother-in-law the said Roland Eyer of Hassop in the county of Derby, Esquire, all and every the book and books which did also belong to my late uncle Peregrine Widdrington, deceased, aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother-in-law George Phillips, only brother to my said wife now living, the sum of one Hundred pounds . . . unto Peter Thomas of Bens Coffee-House in New Bond Street. London, the sum of ten pounds . . . In case I shall happen to have Issue of my body lawfully to be begotten living at or born in due time after my decease one child only, be such child a son or a daughter, Then I give, devise, etc., all my said messuages, lands, etc., at Stanley or elsewhere in the county Palatine of Durham unto Roland Eyer of Hassop in the county of Derby, Esquire, and William Sheldon of Weston in the county of Warwick, Esquire, son of Ralph Sheldon, late of Weston aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, and Thomas Selbye, eldest son and heir-apparent of Thomas Selbye of Biddleston in the county of Northumberland, Esquire, and their heirs, In trust to the only proper use and behoof of such only child and of his or her heirs and assigns for ever, and I give and devise unto the said Roland Eyer, William Sheldon, and Thomas Selbye the Guardianship of such child . . . And I give and bequeath unto each of my said Guardians . . . the sum of twenty pounds, in confidence they will perform such guardianship in them reposed . . . In Witness whereof I, the said William Tempest Widdrington, have to this my last Will and Testament, in my own handwriting, contained in two sheets and a half of paper, to the first of which sheets I have subscribed my name and to the last of which sheets I have subscribed my name and set my seal this 22^d day of January 1753.

W^m TEMPEST WIDDRINGTON.

Witnesses: William York, Tho. Haviland, Elizabeth Robberts.

Proved 28 Feb. 1753 by the Honourable Ann Widdrington, widow, the Relict of the deceased and sole Executrix. (P.C.C., Searle, 68.)

1. Allethea. "21 April 1705, Allethea, d. of y^e right Honor^{ble} William Lord Widdrington, born"* (Widdrington Register). The Hon. Alethea Widdrington, Grange, Northumberland, at St. Mary's Convent, York, 1713. Professed at the Benedictine Convent of Cambrai 1725 as "Dame Augustina." Died in 1775.
2. Mary Gertrude. "7 July 1707, Mary Gertrude, d. of the Right Honorable William Lord Widdrington, born" (*Ibid.*); "26 September 1708, Mary Gertrude, d. of y^e right honorable William Lord Widdrington, buried" (*Ibid.*).
3. "Elisabeth, d. to W^m L^d Widdrington, born Nov. 8th; buried y^e 10th" (*Ibid.*).

* Being Catholics, only the dates of birth are entered in the Parish Register.

4. Ann. "2 February 1711, Ann, d. of W^m L^d Widdrington, buried" (*Ibid.*).
5. Mary. "1713, Oct. 14, Mary, y^e 2^d d. of y^t name, to W^m L^d Widdrington, born" (*Ibid.*). Died and buried at Eastwell 13 Oct. 1758. Married Rowland Eyre of Hassop in the Hundred of High Peak, Derbyshire, and had issue:—

- (1) Thomas Eyre of Eastwell, Hassop, Stanley, and Stella, only issue, succeeded his uncle, the titular fifth Lord Widdrington, in the Tempest estates of Stella and Stanley in the county of Durham in 1774; married at St. George's, Hanover Square, 23 July 1776, Lady Mary Belasyse, third daughter of Thomas, fourth Viscount and first Earl of Fauconberg, who had conformed to the Established Church before 1760. He died without issue at Nice 26 March 1792; she died at Pisa 27 January 1804. By his will dated 8 October 1788 "the Widdrington portraits to be sent to Stella to remain there as heirlooms."

Lord Widdrington married secondly, about July 1718, Catherine, daughter (and coheirss in 1739) of Richard Graham, Viscount Preston, who inherited the Nunnington estate, Yorkshire. They had no issue. She survived him, dying in Brook Street 11 December 1757. (Douglas's "Peerage of Scotland.")

Ap. 7th, 1718. Francis Foote saith that on Saturday, 6th Ap., he made enquiry at the house of the late Lord W. for the place of abode of Elizabeth Widdrington his sister, and of Helena Fairfax of London, spinster, and could not receive any satisfactory answer.

That same afternoon the said Lord W. sent him word that he knew not the place of their abode, but would send me the person who entered their claims to inform me, which as yet he hath not done, nor given any further information thereof. Only an unknown person came this morning, as from Lord Widdrington, to him, and said Helen Fairfax might be now at Wakefield in Yorkshire, or thereabouts, but he could not be certain, nor did he pretend to know anything touching the place of abode of ye above mentioned Eliz. Widdrington. (Payne's "Records of the English Catholics," p. 116.)

Administration issued 13 May 1743 in the goods, etc., of the Right Hon. William Widdrington, commonly called Lord Widdrington, late of Nunnington in the county of York, but at Bath, deceased, to the Right Hon. Catherine Widdrington, commonly called Lady Widdrington. His widow's will proved 1757.

The Will of the Right Honourable Catherine Widdrington, commonly called Lady Widdrington.

This is the last Will of me, the Honourable Catherine Widdrington, commonly called Lady Widdrington, Widow and Relict of William Widdrington, Esquire, deceased, commonly called William Lord Widdrington, made this first day of february in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven . . . my funeral and the Care and Interment of my Body I recommend . . . that the whole thereof may be very Private and without any funeral Pomp, but I desire to be buried at Nunnington as near as may be to the remains of my dear Husband, the said late Lord Widdrington . . . I give . . . all my Mannors, Lordships, Messuages, Land, etc., in . . . the . . . several Counties of York and Cumberland or elsewhere in Great Britain to the Right Honourable Charles Earl of Carlisle, James Booth of Lincolns Inn, . . . George Peacock of Nunnington . . . upon . . . Trusts . . . Whereas my late dear Sister the Honourable Mary Graham did by her Will or otherwise give an Annuity or Annual Sum of Two hundred pounds Per Annum unto Dame Catherine Graham, Widow and Relict of Sir Reginald Graham of Norton Conyers in the County of York, Baronet for her Life. Now my Will is . . . to secure to the said Dame Catherine Graham and her Assigns the due payment of the Annual Sum of One hundred pounds, part of the said Annuity of two hundred pounds . . . To the said M^r George Peacock, my Steward at Nunnington . . . yearly Annuity . . . one hundred pounds during his Life. To Peter Thomas, late Servant to my dear Lord, and to Jane Thomas his Wife . . . one Annuity . . . of Twenty Pounds during their Lives . . . To my Housekeeper M^{rs} Ann Denton one Annuity . . . of Twenty Pounds . . . subject to these charges. To

the use of the Right Honourable Catherine Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire, Wife of the Right Honourable Henry Bowes, Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, for and during the Term of her natural Life . . . with Remainder . . . To her second son the Honourable Thomas Howard . . . with Remainder to my Kinsman Charles Graham, Grandson of my Uncle the Reverend Doctor William Graham, deceased . . . Remainder To my Kinsman William Graham, Brother of the said last-mentioned Charles Graham . . . with Remainder To Sir Bellingham Graham of Norton Conyers in the County of York aforesaid, Baronet . . . Remainders to his first and other sons successively in Tail Male, with Remainder to Reginald Graham, Esquire, Brother of the said Sir Bellingham Graham, for his Life . . . Remainder to the first and other Sons of the said Reginald Graham in Tail Male successively, with Remainder to Mitchell Graham, Esquire, another Brother of the said Sir Bellingham Graham . . . with Remainder to the first and other sons of the said Mitchell Graham in Tail Male successively, with Reversion to my own Right Heirs . . . my Mannors . . . Lands, etc. . . . within the said County of Cumberland . . . first to the intent to Secure to the said Dame Catherine Graham and her assigns the due Payment of the other Annual Sum of one hundred pounds . . . and so charged . . . that there may be issuing out of the said Hereditaments and Premises in the said County of Cumberland the following Annuities . . . To my Kinsman William Graham, hereinbefore named . . . one Annuity . . . of two hundred pounds during his Life. To my said Kinsman Charles Graham, hereinbefore named . . . one Annuity . . . of one hundred pounds during his Life . . . subject thereunto the said several Hereditaments and Premises in the said County of Cumberland are to be settled. To the Use of my Kinsman the Reverend Robert Graham, Rector of Arthurett . . . with Remainder to his first and other sons . . . in Tail Male with Remainder to William Graham aforesaid, Nephew of the said Robert, and . . . Remainder to his first and other sons successively in Tail Male, with Remainder to the said hereinbefore named Charles Graham . . . Remainder to his first and other sons successively in Tail Male, with Reversion to my own Right Heirs . . . I give all the Household Goods and furniture which are now or at the time of my decease shall be at or deem to belong to my Mansion House of Nunnington Hall in the County of York, or at or deemed to belong to my Mansion House at Netherby in the County of Cumberland, or at or in the Poor House at Longton . . . to the said Charles Earl of Carlisle, James Booth, and George Peacock . . . upon Trust . . . in Nature of Heir Looms go with the Estates to which they belong . . . And as to all the Residue of my Personal Estates . . . I give . . . to my Kinsman the Reverend Robert Graham, Rector of Arthuret aforesaid . . . subject only to the Payment of my Debts and funeral Charges and the several Legacies . . . I give to my Cousin the Right Honourable Charles Earl of Carlisle the sum of five hundred pounds. To my Cousin the Right Honourable the Lady Irwin, his sister, the sum of one hundred pounds. To my Cousin the Right Honourable Lady Mary Howard the sum of one thousand pounds. To my Cousin the Right Honourable the Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire the sum of five hundred pounds. To my Goddaughter [*blank*] Howard, Eldest daughter of my Cousin, the late Lord Andover, deceased, the sum of one thousand pounds, together with my Toilet and Dressing Plate which did belong to my Mother. To my said Cousin the Honourable Thomas Howard, second son of the said Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire before named, I give the sum of one thousand pounds. To the Right Honourable the Lady Viscountess Dowager Preston the sum of one hundred pounds. To the said Dame Catherine Graham hereinbefore named the sum of one hundred pounds. To my Cousin Colonel Metcalfe Graham the sum of two hundred pounds. To my Cousin M^{rs} Turford the sum of one hundred pounds. To the Honourable M^{rs} [*blank*] Eyre, Wife of M^r Eyre of Hassop, the sum of one hundred pounds and the Toilet or dressing Plate that has her father's, my late dear Lord's Arms upon it. To the County Hospital at York one hundred pounds. To the Poor of each of the Parishes of Nunnington, Ness, and Stone Grave in the County of York fifty pounds a Piece, and to be distributed or applied in such manner as the Minister of each Parish and the Steward of Nunnington shall respectively think proper. I give to my Physician and esteemed friend Doctor George Lamonte the sum of five hundred pounds. To my Cousin the Honourable Sir Charles Howard, Knight of the

Bath, and Brother to the said Earl of Carlisle, the sum of one hundred pounds. To my Steward for my Yorkshire Estates, the aforesaid M^r George Peacock, the sum of one hundred pounds. To the Reverend Mr. Denton, my Chaplain, the like sum of one hundred pounds. And to my servant William Browne I give the sum of Twenty pounds. All these Legacies to be paid within twelve calendar Months after my decease.

CAT. WIDDRINGTON.

Witnesses, W^m Hollings, Tho^s Clough, W^m Tebay.

A Codicil is added to the Will, dated 8 Feb. 1757, in which the following legacies are given: To the Housekeeper M^{rs} Ann Denton the gross sum of £40. To servant William Browne, if he shall be in the service of Testatrix at her decease, the gross sum of £20 in addition to the like sum already bequeathed in the will. To M^{rs} Susannah Jackson of Nunnington in the County of York £20. To every servant who shall be in the service of Testatrix at the time of her death one year's wages over and above what is then due. "The Trustees named in the will, namely the Right Honourable Henry Earl of Carlisle (who by mistake is therein called Charles Earl of Carlisle), James Booth, Esquire, and M^r George Peacock, Steward at Nunnington," to settle the Estate in Cumberland . . . on the failure of Issue Male of the Rev. M^r Robert Graham, M^r Charles Graham, and M^r William Graham respectively, may go and be limited to Sir Bellingham Graham and his Issue Male, and failing such to his brother Reginald Graham and his Issue Male, and failing such to his other brother Mitchell Graham and his Issue Male in strict settlement and in like successive order and for such estates as in and by the will is directed concerning the Yorkshire estates, which on the decease of several persons therein named are thereby directed to be settled on the said Sir Bellingham Graham and his brothers and their issue Male.

Witnesses, George Wilmot, W^m Hollings, W^m Nicholson.

Proved 23 Dec. 1757 by Robert Graham, clerk, the residuary legatee (P.C.C., Herring, 378).

It would appear doubtful from the above will if Lady Widdrington was a Catholic.

The following is from list of entrances of young ladies educated at St. Mary's Convent, York:—

	Entered
Widdrington, Hon. Mary, Grange, Northumberland . . .	1712
Widdrington, Hon. Alethea, Grange, Northumberland . . .	1713
Widdrington, Hon. Jane, Grange, Northumberland . . .	1715
Widdrington, Elisabeth, Yorkshire . . .	1738

("History of the Convent," Quarterly Series, 1887, p. 22.)

WIDDRINGTON CASTLE.

The licence to kernellate it was granted to Gerard de Widdrington, grandson of Adam de Swinburne, by Edward the Third in 1341. The fine tower to the left of the entrance was probably the part which rose, under authority of licence from Edward the Third. Its battlements were built on corbules, and it had round projecting turrets at each corner and ornamented finials between each notch of its parapet walls. These finials and the bay-window on the ground floor were unquestionably more modern than the tower itself, which was one of the richest and handsomest specimens of the early architecture of feudal times in the North of England. Other parts of the structure were additions at different dates, that farthest to the right being the most modern, and probably added by the last Lord Widdrington. The inscription in front of the left wing was perhaps never copied. Lords John and Claud Hamilton, sons of the Marquess of Hamilton, for the parts they took in the deaths of the Regents Murray and Lennox in 1579, were obliged to fly into England, and in 1584 resided at Widdrington, where they were in that year visited by the Scottish Lords who were banished

by James the Sixth for keeping him so long in thralldom. Sir Robert Carey, who married Elizabeth Trevanion, the widow of Sir Henry Widdrington, occasionally resided there. He had promised James the Sixth of Scotland to be the bearer of the news to him of Queen Elizabeth's death, and entertained him at Widdrington during his progress into England.

After the attainer of Lord Widdrington the whole building was much neglected, and passed into decay. The creditors of the York Buildings Company, in their petition to the House of Commons for the sale and the legal conveyance of the Widdrington estates, represented that the first article in the printed particular, by which the Company purchased it in 1720, was comprised in these words, viz.: "A large house and gardens, in good order and repair, with convenient outhouses, a large park well stocked, with demesnes thereto valued at about five hundred pounds per annum." "Yet the premises comprised in that article were actually at that time let at no more than £250 per annum, and subject to allowances thereout to the tenant for taxes and repairs, which by the ten receivers' accounts amounted to £82 10s." The petitioners also further stated "that the house mentioned in the first article of the said printed rental was a large antient building, which at the time" (the Company purchased it) "was and still is in a very ruinous condition, and in danger of falling, and uninhabitable, save only a small part for the use of the steward of the estate."

Sir George Warren pulled the whole fabric down before he had fixed upon a design for rebuilding it, and when he requested a friend to supply him with a plan and elevations for restoring it, Buck's view of the edifice he had razed was presented to him as the best model he could have for the purpose.

ARMS OF WIDDRINGTON

As recorded at the Heralds' College: "Quarterly argent and gules, a bend sable." At the last entry in the Visitation of London, C. 24, 497, the same as the above and "thereon a mullet for difference."

"The names and Armes of suche as have been advanced to the honourable Ordre of Knighthoode in the tyme of the prudent and prosperous reigne of King Henry the Seventh" (Cotton MSS., Claudius, c. iii., fol. 1—60, by Robert Glover).

1503—1509. "Knights of the Sworde dubbed at the creation of Prince Henry the 18 of February, anno 19 of the King's Reigne: . . . St Henry Wyderington: Quarterly argent and gules, a bendlet sable. Crest: A bull's head sable, armed and spotted Argent." ("A Book of Knights Banneret, Knights of the Bath, and Knights Bachelor," by Walter C. Metcalfe, F.S.A., 1885).*

Guillim's "Heraldry." The edition published 1679, temp. Charles II., gives a rather obscure print of the arms of William, third Lord Widdrington, of Widdrington Castle, Baron of Blankney:—Quarterly: 1, Quarterly argent and gules, a bend sable (WIDDRINGTON); 2, Argent, a boar's head couped gules, tusked or, between six crosses crosslet fitchy of the second (SWINBURNE); 3, Argent, a pile inverted sable (DALISON or FORNEYS?); 4, Argent, a fess dancette, three crescents in chief gules (DE DEEN or TINDALE?); 5, Argent, a lion rampant (Or, a lion rampant azure—PERCY?); 6, Argent, fretty gules a chief azure (CURWEN); 7, Argent, two bars, a canton gules, on the latter a rose or (possibly meant for CARNABY); 8, Argent, three bars gules, a canton azure (FAIRFAX?); 9, Argent, a cross potent gules between four ogresses (BREREHAUGH. The heiress of this family married

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Charles, third son of Lord Fairfax, of Denton*). Crest: On a chapeau gules, turned up argent, a bull's head sable senée of plates of the second. Supporters: Two white bucks proper, powdered with ermine spots, attired or.

WIDDRINGTON OF HAUXLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

(Continued from the Visitations; the Roman numerals correspond to those in Hodgson's "Northumberland.")

XIII. Roger Widdrington of Chibburn, second son of Sir Ralph Widdrington of Widdrington, by Felicia Claxton, his first wife, was younger brother to Henry Widdrington, from whom descended Lord Widdrington. In Visitation "Rogerus Woderington de Chiburne" married Matilda, daughter of . . . Strother of Kirknewton, by whom he had issue:—

1. John (of whom later).
2. Roger, who had a son William.
3. Dorothy (given in "History of Northumberland," vol. v.).

XIV. John Widdrington of Chibburn and Hauxley, son and heir in (Flowers' "Visitation of Yorkshire, 1563-4") 1539; bailiff of the manors of Amble and Hauxley under the Prior of Tynemouth. In 1550 was one of the gentlemen inhabiting the Middle Marches. In Visitation "Johes Woderington de Chiburne and Aukesley a^o 1575." Married first Lucy, daughter of . . . Errington. According to Hodgson, ". . . fil. and har'es . . . Meashall de Keynton liberi, s.p.," in the Visitation. Married secondly "Maria, fil. Willi Ogle de Cockle park militis ux 2" (Visitation). Mr. Hodgson, in his pedigree, makes Mary Ogle the third wife, and Katherine (or Isabel), daughter of William Bennet of Kenton, the second (Flowers' "Visitation of Yorkshire, 1563-4"). By Maria Ogle he had:—

1. Roger (of whom later).
2. Robert of Hauxley in 1598, when he was an executor of the will of Robert Widdrington of Plessey (Hodgson's "Northumberland," pt. ii., vol. ii., p. 236). 1597. Robert Widdrington of Hauxley was one of the jury which was alleged to have stirred up Lord Eure's tenants in Sturton Grange, etc., to complain against him ("Cal. Border Papers," Bain, ii., p. 341).
3. Marmaducius (in Visitation).
4. Franciscus (in Visitation).
1. Elizabetha (in Visitation).
2. Barbara (in Visitation).
3. Matildis (in Visitation).

XV. Rogerus or Roger Widdrington, eldest son in the Visitation, was 26 years of age in 1575. Inventory dated 23 March 1587-8 (Raine, "Testa"). Administration of personal estate 28 March 1588, granted to his brother Robert for the use of Henry, Claudius, Marcus, and Elizabeth, the children then under age (Raine, "Testa"). Had issue:—

1. Henry (of whom later).
2. Claudius.
3. Marcus.
1. Elizabeth.

* Thoresby, "Ducatus Leodiensis," 125.

XVI. Henry Widdrington of Hauxley. Was bailiff of the Manors of Amble and Hauxley in 1610 (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds) and 20 March 1626. Was appointed by the King collector, etc., for the same Manor (*Ibid.*), and one of the freeholders for the County in 1628 (Arch. Acl., 4to, Series ii., p. 318). Was living 23 November 1630 (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds). Married . . . daughter of Henry Kirton of Hauxley. Had issue:—

XVII. 1. Robert Widdrington of Hauxley. Deputy High Sheriff of Northumberland 1664. Buried 14 November 1696 (Warkworth Register). Will dated 28 May 1692:—

1683, May 3rd. Indenture between Robert Widdrington of Hauxley, Esq., of the first part, Sir Ralph Delaval of Seaton Delaval, Bart., of the second part, and Ann Widdrington of Brenkley, gentlewoman, granddaughter of the said Robert Widdrington, of the third part; to secure the payment of £600 as a portion of the said Ann Widdrington, party to the deed (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds).

1684, May 28th. A settlement whereby Robert Widdrington the elder settled his estates and lands in Hauxley, Amble, Warkworth, Guyzance, Barnhill, Hartlaw, and Hazon upon his nephews, Robert Widdrington the younger, the eldest, Thomas the second, and Henry the third, sons of his brother William Widdrington, successively, in tail male, with remainder to Robert Widdrington, son of Samuel Widdrington, Gent., who was another of his brothers. The estates are charged with annuities and portions payable to his daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Cuthbert Karns (or Cairns) of Firth House, Gent.; and Isabel, wife of Robert Fenwick of Nunriding; and to Robert, Jane, and Frances Forster, the children of his daughter Ann Forster, deceased; and to Robert Maxwell, son of his daughter Mary, the wife of Edward Maxwell, Gent. Certain sums are also to be paid to Henry, Ralph, Elizabeth, and Frances, children of William Widdrington, brother of the said Robert (*Ibid.*).

1692, May 28th. Will of Robert Widdrington of Hauxley, Esq. To be buried in the parish church of Warkworth. To my nephew Robert Widdrington of Hauxley, jun., my lands and tenements in Guyzance, viz., my two freehold tenements, and also my tenant right to those two tenements, and my proportion of Ormelee, Coat Ryall, and Newstile in the same township of Guyzance, which I hold by lease of the Duke and Duchess of Somerset. To my said nephew Robert Widdrington all my stock, chattels, horses, oxen, sheep (except four kyme of the best I have, and a mare, which I bought and give to my wife Dorothy Widdrington), my wife to have summer grazing and hay for winter food for four kine and mare, and enjoy two chambers in my dwelling house at Hauxley, viz., my own chamber where now my papers lye and the little chamber next adjoining to it to live in for the time of her life. Household stuff to be divided between said nephew and my wife; my son-in-law, Mr. Edward Maxwell, £180; my grandson, Mr. John Fenwick, £100; both sums to be paid out of Guyzance (*Ibid.*).

1653. Administration to the effects of Henry Kirton of Hawkesley was granted to Robert Widdrington, his grandchild by the mother's side ("Notes and Queries," 6th Series, XII., 22 August 1885).

Married Dorothy Ogle; bond of marriage 30 June 1681; post-nuptial settlement 16 June 1693; named in her husband's will. Had issue:—

- (1) William Widdrington of Barnhill, son and heir; admitted to Gray's Inn 6 June 1655; married at Stannington 4 May 1658. Will dated 17 September 1664: "To be buried in Warkworth Chancel. Married Barbara . . . she remarried Lionel Fenwick of Blagdon; bond of marriage 24 July 1665; and

was living his widow at Brenkley 3 May 1683" (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds). William Widdrington left:—

1. Ann, only daughter and heiress; born at Barnhill; baptized 4 December 1662 (Felton Register).
- (1) Elizabeth, married Cuthbert Cairns of Firth House; living 28 May 1684 (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds).
- (2) Ann, married Ralph Forster; bond of marriage 11 December 1674; was dead before 28 May 1684, leaving three children—Robert, Jane, and Frances (*Ibid.*).
- (3) Isabel, married Robert Fenwick of Langshaws and Nunriding; living 28 May 1684 (*Ibid.*).
- (4) Mary, married Edward Maxwell; living 28 May 1684, having then a son Robert Maxwell, also then living (*Ibid.*).
2. William (of whom later).
3. Samuel, married . . . had a son Robert, living 28 May 1684 (Robert Widdrington's Settlement).
4. Thomas, apprenticed 1 May 1641 to Christ. Nicholson of Newcastle, merchant adventurer ("Newcastle Merchant Adventurers," Dendy, ii., p. 260, Surtees Soc.).

XVII. William Widdrington of New Moor House (Robert Widdrington's Settlement), married . . . Had issue:—

1. Robert (of whom later).
2. Thomas, born at Long Framlington 24 November 1655 (Felton Register); living 28 May 1684.
3. Henry, living 28 May 1684 (Robert Widdrington's Settlement).
4. Ralph, living 28 May 1684 (*Ibid.*). Possibly the ancestor of the family mentioned in "Gent's Magazine" and "Notes and Queries." See end of this family.
1. Mary, born at New Moor House 17 November, baptized 1 December 1653 (Felton Register).
2. Elizabeth, living 28 May 1684 (Robert Widdrington's Settlement).
3. Frances, living 28 May 1684 (*Ibid.*).

XVIII. Robert Widdrington of Hauxley, nephew and heir of Robert Widdrington; buried 6 October 1719 (Warkworth Register). Will dated 17 January 1716-7; married Frances Humble of the Parish of Shilbottle; bond of marriage 26 July 1689; articles before marriage 1 August 1689 (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds); buried 5 October 1742 (Warkworth Register). Had issue:—

1. Robert (of whom later).

XIX. 2. John of Hanover Square, Newcastle, attorney-at-law; baptized November 1701 (Warkworth Register); married at Gateshead 23 July 1728 (Gateshead Register); died 16 October 1769 ("Newcastle Chronicle," October 1769); married Jane, daughter of John Carr of Dunston Hill; baptized at Whickham 15 June 1701; died 14 November 1742, and was buried there. Leaving issue:—

- XX. 1. John Widdrington of Newcastle, succeeded to Hauxley on the death of his cousin Nathaniel; buried 14 November 1797 (Warkworth Register). Will dated 6 August 1783:—

To my wife Jane Widdrington £100 per annum out of Hauxley, my house in Hanover Square,

Newcastle, and my lands in Whickham, she executrix. I give one moiety of my lands in Hauxley, Amble, Guyzance, and Alnwick to Sarah Brown and her heirs male; and the other moiety to Sarah Teasdale and her heirs male; cross remainders; remainder to William Smith, the younger son of my cousin William Smith of Worcester.

1798, February 27th. Administration, with will annexed, of John Widdrington granted to the Rev. Joseph Cook and David Latimer Tinning.

As far as is known this John Widdrington was the last living male of this ancient and honourable family of the North. "Before succeeding to the estate was a merchant and banker in Newcastle; he had travelled, and was a man of urbanity and taste, with a competent knowledge of natural philosophy. He enlarged and improved the already extensive gardens at Hauxley by the erection of a long glass-house, in which his delicate south-country wife might take exercise without exposure to the east wind. In fulfilment of a promise exacted from him by his predecessor, he gave the Widdrington estates to his two nearest paternal kinswomen Sarah Brown and Sarah Teasdale in moieties, with the injunction to take and use the name of Widdrington.* But, through his commercial speculations in Newcastle and his connection with the 'Old Bank,' his affairs on his death in 1797 were found to be in such disorder that a Chancery suit was required to adjust them. This lingered for eleven years, and resulted in the alienation of half the estates for the payment of the testator's debts."

In the field in front of Hauxley Hall there is a pillar which bears the following inscription: "This portion of the Hauxley property was redeemed to its hereditary course by the zeal and exertions of the Rev. Joseph Cook of Newton Hall, through the medium of a suit in the Court of Chancery, commenced January 1798, terminated May 1809." Unfortunately this field or "portion of the Hauxley property" was not part of the patrimonial estate of the Widdringtons, but was purchased in 1762 from Kirton's mortgagees (Hodgson's "Northumberland," vol. v.). Appointed auditor to the Duke of Newcastle 1767, in the room of Richard Seymour, Esq., who had resigned ("Newcastle Courant," 14 March 1767).

John Widdrington married Jane, daughter of William Swinburn, Vicar of Finden, Sussex; married at Midhurst, Sussex, 21 October 1762 ("Newcastle Journal," 30 October 1762); died 6 September 1824, aged 82 (M.I., St. Andrew's, Newcastle). By whom he had no issue.

1. Dorothy, married firstly 4 August 1719 Thomas Smith of West Thirston (Warkworth Register), and secondly at Long Framlington 19 April 1738 William Carr of Warkworth.
2. Ann, married before 16 August 1733 (will of Frances Widdrington) Edward Young of Togston and Warkworth.
3. Frances, died unmarried; buried 31 August 1733 (*Ibid.*). Will dated 16 August 1733:—

Frances Widdrington, junior, of Hauxley. To my brother John £100; to my sister Dorothy, wife of Thomas Smith of Togston, £40; to my sister Ann, wife of Edward Young of Togston, 40s.; to John, son of my brother Robert Widdrington, £8, being the remainder of what effects Providence has allotted me in this world.

Proved at Durham 1733.

XIX. Robert Widdrington of Hauxley and of Bondgate Hall, Alnwick. Articles before marriage 1 and 2 May 1722. Buried 20 March 1750-1 (Warkworth Register).

* Curious there is no mention of the arms.

1747, July 5th. Will of Robert Widdrington of Hauxley. My lands in Hauxley, Amble, and Alnwick to my eldest son John Widdrington, subject to portions of £300 apiece to each of my younger children, Nathaniel, William, Sarah, Frances, Mary, and Elizabeth.

Married Sarah, daughter of Rev. Timothy Punshon of Killingworth, and Minister of Branton; married 5 December 1722 (*Ibid.*); died at Alnwick; buried 13 July 1755 (*Ibid.*). Had issue:—

XX. 1. Robert, born dissenter 9 December 1723 (*Ibid.*); buried 3 November 1743 (*Ibid.*).

XX. 2. John Widdrington of Hauxley and of Alnwick, Attorney, born dissenter 19 March 1727-8 (*Ibid.*); died without issue; buried 14 January 1780 (*Ibid.*). Will dated 9 December 1779 (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds). Married Isabella, daughter of John Forster of Adderston, and the last in a direct line of that family; married at Edlingham 26 May 1767; buried 9 April 1780 (Warkworth Register).

1780, March 31st. Will of Isabella Widdrington, widow of John Widdrington of Hauxley. I quit claim to my husband's heirs and executors all my right to the £1000 settled upon me at my marriage. To my sister Elizabeth Mills, wife of Henry Mills of Willington, all my fisheries in the River Tweed, as devised to me by the will of my late Uncle William Kettilby, Esq., of East Orde; to my Sister Anne Fenwicke, £1000; to John Fenwick of Bywell, and to William Fenwick his brother, 100 guineas apiece; to my Mother, 20 guineas for a ring; to Mrs. Ward of Alnwick and her sisters, 10 guineas apiece, "as a small token of my sense of their great goodness to me, which I beg may be laid out in any memorial of their grateful friend." The portrait of my dear husband to Charles Brandling, Esq., of Gosforth House. Residue to the children of my sister Elizabeth Mills (her eldest son being excepted). My brother-in-law, Henry Mills, executor. Proved at Durham, April 14th, 1780 (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds).

XX. 3. Nathaniel Widdrington of Hauxley, died unmarried; buried 9 July 1783 (Warkworth Register).

1783, April 28th. Will of Nathaniel Widdrington of Hauxley. To my nieces Sarah Brown and Sarah Teasdale, £300 apiece; to Nathaniel Punshon, £10; to Mr. Adams, £10; to Samuel Bell of Hauxley, £10; to my servant Mary Muers £20 a year and the wearing apparel of my late mother. My real estates at Hauxley, Amble, Guyzance, and Alnwick to my cousin John Widdrington of Newcastle, Esq. Proved July 17th, 1783 (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds).

4. William, buried 25 August 1751 (Warkworth Register).

5. Timothy, dissenter, born 23 November 1729; buried 2 November 1732 (*Ibid.*).

1. Sarah, born dissenter 23 February 1730 (*Ibid.*); died at Alnwick unmarried; buried 5 January 1777 (*Ibid.*). Will dated 3 July 1775 (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds).

XX. 2. Frances, from whom descend the (Coke) Widdringtons now of Hauxley (see later).

XX. 3. Mary, from whom descend the (Tinling) Widdringtons (see later).

4. Elizabeth, living unmarried 30 December 1763.

COKE BRANCH OF WIDDRINGTON OF HAUXLEY.

(Now Widdrington of Newton-on-the-Moor and Hauxley.)

XX. Frances Widdrington, married 30 June 1767 (Warkworth Register); buried 21 June 1770 (*Ibid.*); married Edward Brown of East Chevington; born at Hauxley; baptized 2 December 1742 (*Ibid.*); died at East Chevington 26 January 1785 (*Ibid.*). Administration 21 July 1785 to daughter Sarah (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds). Had issue:—

1. Edward Brown, born at East Chevington; baptized 23 October 1779 (Hodgson's "Northumberland," part ii., vol. ii., p. 297); died in infancy 3 September 1781 (Mr. S. F. Widdrington's Deeds). Administration 16 December 1799 (*Ibid.*).

XXI. 1. Sarah, baptized 6 June 1768 (Warkworth Register); coheirress by will of her kinsman John Widdrington of Newcastle; married Joseph Cooke of Newton Hall, Vicar of Shilbottle, and assumed the name of Widdrington; died 11 January 1840 (*Ibid.*). Had issue:—

- XXII. 1. Samuel Edward Cook, Captain R.N. and F.R.S.; assumed the name of Widdrington in 1842 by royal licence; succeeded to one moiety of Hauxley at the death of his mother, and purchased the other moiety in 1842 from the Rev. Sidney Widdrington; died 1856; will proved 3 March 1856; married Dorothy, second daughter of Alexander Daveson, Esq., of Swarland.
2. John, died at school 1800.
 3. Joseph, in Holy Orders; died in Holy Land without issue 1825.
 1. Frances (of whom later).
 2. Elizabeth, died unmarried 1820.

XXIII. Frances Cook, born at Sheepwash 3 December 1788; baptized 31 July 1789 (Warkworth Register); married at St. Andrew's, Newcastle, 27 March 1819; died at Morpeth; buried at Shilbottle. Married Shalcross Jacson of Newton-bank, Cheshire, a Captain in the 3rd Light Dragoons, born 16 September 1786; articles before marriage 16 and 17 March 1819; died 15 August 1852; buried at Bebington, Cheshire. Will proved 28 November 1852. Had issue:—

1. Shalcross Fitzherbert Jacson, born 4 June 1820; died at Hampton 3 June 1824.
2. Widdrington Jacson, born 14 February 1824; 41st Regiment; killed by a fall from his horse 10 May 1845 at Brecon, where there is a monumental inscription to his memory.
3. Shalcross Fitzherbert Jacson (of whom later).
1. Elizabeth, born 29 September 1821; married first at Daresbury, Cheshire, 16 September 1841, J. H. Smith-Barry of Marbury Hall, Cheshire, and secondly at Compton Verney, in 1871, George, 2nd Lord de Tabley.
2. Frances Isabella, born 18 December 1828; married 7 July 1853, at Daresbury, Cheshire, C. W. Orde of Nunykirk.

XXIV. Shalcross Fitzherbert Widdrington, formerly Jacson, born in Newcastle 9 February 1826, of Newton Hall, Felton, Northumberland; in the commission of the Peace for the counties of Chester and Northumberland; formerly a major in the now 5th Battalion the Northumberland Fusiliers; succeeded to the Hauxley and Newton estates on the death of his uncle in 1856, under whose will he assumed the name of Widdrington. Portraits by Signor Toffano and by Weigall, now

at Newton. Married at Middleton, Lancashire, 20 April 1864, Cecilia, daughter of Edward J. G. Hopwood of Hopwood, Lancashire; articles before marriage 18 April 1864. Portrait by Weigall exhibited at Royal Academy, now at Newton. Has issue:—

1. Gerard Widdrington, son and heir, born 20 April 1871; baptized at Shilbottle; matriculated at Oriel College, Oxford, in 1888.
2. Bertram Fitzherbert, born 14 September 1873; baptized at Shilbottle; a Captain in the 2nd Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps. Served in the South African War 1900. Relief of Ladysmith, including operations on Tugela Heights (14 to 27 February 1900) and action at Pieter's Hill. Operations in Natal (March to June 1900), including action at Laing's Nek (6 to 9 June). Queen's medal with four clasps.
1. Frances Dorothy, married at Shilbottle, 18 October 1885, Sir Edward Grey of Falloden, Baronet, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Lady Grey died 4 February 1905, from the effects of a fall out of a runaway dogcart. His Majesty the King sent the following message to Sir Edward on receiving the news:—

"Buckingham Palace.—It is difficult for me to find words to express how deeply I feel for you at your irreparable loss.—Edward R.I."

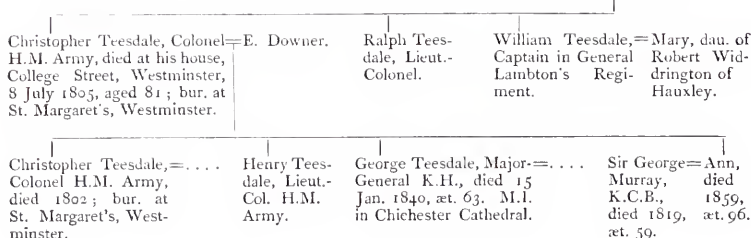
2. Idonea, married at Shilbottle, 2 February 1899, Addison Francis B. Cresswell of Cresswell.

TINLING BRANCH OF WIDDRINGTON OF HAUXLEY.

XX. Mary Widdrington married at Alnwick 21 January 1762 William Teasdale, son of Christopher Teasdale of Knipe Hall, Westmorland, a captain in General Lambton's regiment. He died in Newcastle 17 February 1767 ("Gent.'s Mag.") The widow Mrs. Teasdale would seem to have settled at Chichester, where her husband's family had gone to from the north. Had issue an only daughter Sarah (of whom later).

PEDIGREE OF TEESDALE.

Christopher Teesdale of Knipe Hall, Westmorland, bur. at Chichester 1772=Ann Bates.



The following letters were written by the above Colonel Christopher Teesdale. They give an interesting account by an eye-witness of the battle of Culloden Moor. The writer was more fortunate in the '45 than the main branch of the Widdringtons had been in the '15:—

The first letter, which is addressed to John Home, Esq., of Kilduff, North Hanover Street, Edinburgh, is as follows:—

"My dear Sir,

Did I inform you that on the morning of the Battle of Falkirk a Lieut. Poswick of the Buffs (who had a most excellent telescope) and myself went half a mile into the front of our camp, got up a tree, and fixed the telescope to view the rebel camp near the Tor Wood. We distinctly saw them carrying straw to the front of their camp, which they set on fire to cover their motions. The telescope was so good that, had we been acquainted with any of them, we saw their faces so very distinctly that we could have known them. However, in a short time the smoke effectually covered them. We then hastened to camp to acquaint Colonel Howard, who commanded the Buffs, and he went to Callendar House to acquaint the General, who said the men might put on their accoutrements to be in readiness. I well remember Colonel (now Sir George) Howard asked me to dine with him, and as the servant was bringing up dinner the drummers beat to arms, and when I got out I saw the rebel army on a hill about a mile from Falkirk, as near as I could guess. In short, it was a surprise, and Hamilton's and Gardner's Dragoons were ordered to charge to give time for our cannon and infantry to get up and form. The other particulars you know. All our lines gave way except Barrel's (the 4th), the Buffs (3rd), Cholmondley's (the 48th), and part of Brigadier Price's regiment, which four regiments were on the right of the line. We covered Barrel's and the 48th (Price's). We stood looking at the rebels and they at us till the evening began to close, when we retreated, leaving our cannon in a bog, to our camp we had marched from, where we found (to our great surprise) the army all drawn up, and leaving our tents standing, began our retreat to Linlithgow, and after we had got as far as Callendar House, Colonel Howard said he had left some papers in his writing-box in his tent, and ordered me to go with 30 men to bring them off. As I was marching back General Husk was in the rear and saw me, and demanded where I was going. I told him my orders. 'Stay where you are, sir,' said he; 'the rebels are in possession of the camp. You shall have the honour of having the rearguard of the army, and keep within about one hundred yards of me.' He was then in the rear of the army, near an equal number of the rebels, ran away for shooting (*sic*), and while the small numbers on each side remained looking at each other a Highlander came running within about 400 yards of our front (Barrel's). General Cholmondley advanced, thinking, I suppose, the man meant to desert. The Highlander took a shot at him, and missed him. The General put his horse into a hard gallop, got up to him, and shot him while he was ramming down his charge—this I saw distinctly. My family are all pretty well, thank God, and join with me in our kindest and most sincere regards for your happiness, and I am, my dear Sir, truly and faithfully yours,

CHRIS. TEESDALE.

London, August 27, 1794.

The Barrows are in Sussex and all well."

The second letter written by Colonel Teesdale to Home, giving an account of the battle of Culloden, is as follows:—

London, January 15th, (17)92.

"Dear Sir,

I quitted the Army in the year 1762, and have (from the length of time) almost forgot that I ever was a military man. Now, you unconscionable fellow, you desire me to remember occurrences 46 years ago. However, I will do my best with regard to the Battle of Culloden, which, I believe, is what you want to know. The day before the action the Royal party encamped within about ten miles of the rebels—it was, I remember, the Duke of Cumberland's birthday. The rebels, imagining the

troops might be induced to make merry on the occasion, came to a resolution to attack the Royal Army in the dark, and certainly a very wise scheme (and no doubt some of them might have read the description of the attack made by Leonidas on the Persian camp in the night), for certainly an army composed of even the best militia do not judge well to oppose themselves to a well-provided army, as the consequences plainly demonstrated. In the dark things are but on an equal footing; artillery cannot be used, nor small arms, without the risk of killing as many of your friends as foes. But you know as well as I do why they did not attack in the dark. I should think it must have been owing to either the treachery of L(ord) J(ohn) Murray, or perhaps his fear of not being well supported. When daylight began to appear, we had information of the enemy's intention, and that they had just begun their retreat. The D—— of C—— then formed the army and marched towards the rebels, who only had had time to form on a rising ground on Drummosse, or Culloden, Moor. The Royal Army marched in three columns, and formed in line of battle (in view of the enemy) in two lines and a *corps d'reserve*, with the dragoons on the flanks, and these moved forward with ten field-pieces (short Saxon six-pounders) in the front, and when we came within reach of cannon-shot our field-pieces were got into a bog, so that the horses were obliged to be taken off, and the soldiers to sling their arms in order to drag the guns across the bog, which required some time. If the enemy thought our artillery could not be drawn across the bogs, their ground was certainly well chosen, and had they immediately come down with rapidity the battle would have been fought without cannon; but they amused themselves with pointing a few guns so ill-served as actually to make our soldiers laugh, for I well remember their first shot went some distance beyond our *corps d'reserve*. As soon as our cannon was clear of the bog, Colonel Belford (a most excellent artillery officer) began to cannonade with such success that they were unable to stand it, and came down in a rapid and determined manner. When Belford perceived them at proper distance he then poured in grape-shot that mowed them down in such a manner that their columns only extended to oppose the 4th and 20th Regiments, in which regiments they made some havock. Lieut.-Colonel Martin (a Sussex man), on the left of the front line, seeing no part of the rebels opposite the 8th Regiment he commanded, wheeled the regiment and took them in flank, which made terrible havock, and when they retreated Kingston's Light Horse did great execution. Their loss was computed at near three thousand. I saw the field of battle next day, and think that there could not be many less, including those killed in the pursuit.

"Now with regard to the question you ask me, I well remember that, when our army formed in line of battle, the left of the enemy's front line seemed to extend much beyond the right of our front line, and the D—— of C—— ordered two regiments from the *corps d'reserve* (their numbers or names I have forgot) to move up, one on the right of the Royal Scotch and one on the right of the Buffs or 3rd Regiment. I do not suppose 80 men were lost by the Royal Army. Poor Lord Robert Kerr, uncle to the present Marquis of Lothian, the handsomest and one of the most worthiest men in the world, was slain. He was a captain in the 4th Regiment, and the D—— of C—— had his major's commission in his pocket, and said, 'We will let Kerr know nothing of the matter till the battle's over.' And now I have acquainted you with all the particulars which occur to me at present. Had the rebels marched into the Highlands and not fought the battle, one-half of the Royal army must have been destroyed before they could have been subdued. Mrs. Teesdale most heartily joins me in wishing you all happiness, and I am, dear Home, your very affectionate friend and obedient, humble servant,

CHRIS. TEESDALE.

"PS.—A letter to me comes free directed Office of Ordnance. Pray tell me how this corresponds with any other information you are possessed of. The British cavalry consisted of two heavy regiments and the Duke of Kingston's Light Horse. The enemy had some French cavalry and pickets of the Irish Brigade. The Pretender did not come down with his troops, which was shabby."

A correspondent writes :—

"Tuesday's 'Journal' reprints from the 'Glasgow Herald' some unpublished letters describing the battles of Falkirk and Culloden, written by Colonel Christopher Teasdale. May I point out an

identity of name—perhaps of blood—with a local family of position. Wm. Teasdale, a captain in General Lambton's regiment, married at Alnwick January 21, 1762, Mary, daughter of Robert Widdrington of Hauxley, by Sarah Punsler, his wife. He is stated to have been a son of Christopher Teasdale of Knipe Hall, near Shap. Of the marriage, one daughter only (Sarah) would seem to have survived. She became the wife of General Sir David Latimer Tining, some time Lieutenant-Colonel 17th Regiment and Inspecting Field Officer. At the death of the last John Widdrington of Hauxley and of the Old Bank, Newcastle, in 1797, Mrs. Tining became coheir of the landed estates and assumed the name of Widdrington. Her eldest son George John Tining Widdrington, Major 83rd Regiment, died in his 26th year of wounds received at the Battle of Vittoria in 1813; another son, Sidney Henry Widdrington, Captain 53rd Regiment, subsequently took Orders, became a popular preacher and minister of the Octagon Chapel, Bath ("Glasgow Herald").

XXI. Sarah Teasdale succeeded as coheir with her cousin Sarah, daughter of Edward and Frances Brown of East Chevington, to the Hauxley property, under the will of Nathaniel Widdrington. His cousin John had had a life interest in the property the coheirs inherited on his death in 1797, the estate being impoverished by a Chancery suit. Married in 1784, Lieut.-Colonel David Latimer Tining, who was born 23 July 1758, went to Gibraltar 1777, and was present during the memorable siege until the end of 1783, and actively employed as draftsman engineer. His commission as Ensign in the 12th Foot was given him by General Picton, 11 April 1782. On 4 October 1786 he succeeded to a Lieutenancy by purchase; 1790-1791 employed with his regiment on board Lord Howe's fleet as marines. On the outbreak of the war with France, raised an independent company in Ireland, which in 1793 was turned over to the 54th Regiment; exchanged by purchase to the 17th Foot, which in 1794 sailed from Southampton for the West Indies, but having been driven back by foul weather, was encamped at Cork until the following year, during which time Captain Tining officiated as Commissary General; May 1796 arrived at St. Domingo, having been appointed Brigade Major, but was driven home by disease, narrowly escaping with his life; 18 July 1797 succeeded to a Majority in the same regiment; in August 1799 appointed Lieut.-Colonel of the Second Battalion, then raised from volunteers from the Militia; was actively employed in Holland during the Duke of York's campaign; from 1800 to the end of 1802 served with his regiment in the Mediterranean; on his return home was appointed Inspecting Field Officer of the Recruiting Service; March 1809 had authority by Royal Licence to assume the name of "Widdrington"; promoted Colonel 1809; Major-General 1812; Lieut.-General 1825. As Major-General he was some time on the Staff at Gibraltar; 22 February 1833 created a Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order. (This order was instituted by George IV. 12 August 1815, when Prince Regent; has not been conferred since the death of William IV.) Died at the residence of his son, the Rev. Sidney R. Widdrington, Manor House, Bexley, October 1839. Mrs. Widdrington died in 1816; she never lived to share her husband's honours.

Copy of an undated letter written by Emma Widdrington, daughter of the above, to her cousin, Mrs. Jackson:—

"It is very easy for your family and mine to bring down our descent from our great grandfather, Widdrington of Hauxley, who left, as I have always understood, 2 sons and 3 daughters—John, Nathaniel, Sarah, Mary, and Fany. I forget whether Sarah or Fany were the eldest; but you, my dear cousin, may be able to decide that point. The 2nd daughter, Mary (my grandmother) married William Teasdale, 3rd son of Christopher Teasdale of Knipe Hall, Westmoreland (now the property of the Earl of Lonsdale), a Captain in the Army, who died young, leaving an only child, my beloved,

deeply lamented mother (Sarah Teesdale), who married David Latimer Tinling, an officer of 12th or Earl of Suffolk's Regiment, now a Lieut.-General in H.M. service, upon whom the King has been pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood, the order of the K.C. of H., a reward for distinguished services. On the death of the late John Widdrington of Newcastle, who had been some time possessed of the Hauxley property, your mother and mine, you are perfectly aware, became joint and sole heiresses of that property (which ought, we always contend, to have descended to them immediately on the death of their uncles, John and Nathaniel Widdrington, this John Widdrington of Newcastle being only cousin to John and Nathaniel Widdrington of Hauxley), and both our mothers immediately assumed the surname of Widdrington, as by will enjoined. In 1809 my father, by Letters Patent from the King, likewise assumed the surname of Widdrington, in addition to his own, and it was further directed that his children by Sarah Widdrington, his wife, should from henceforth bear the surname of Widdrington only."

FAMILY OF TINLING.

(From an extract of Miss Alicia Widdrington.)

"My dear father was one of 12 children. Those I can remember are:—

1. Eliza, born 1744; married to General Rochford of the Royal Artillery.
2. John Tinling, Esq.; born 1745; married Miss Maur.
3. Mary, born 1753; married . . . Stanton, Esq., of Sefton Park.
4. William; married Miss . . . (His youngest daughter and coheir, Anna Maria, married 9 March 1822, 1st Lord Chelmsford. See Burke's "Peerage.")
5. Augusta, born 1755; married Colonel St. Clair.
6. Isaac, married Miss Adeane, 1760; Grenadier Guards.
7. David Latimer, born 23 July 1758; married Miss Teesdale, whose mother was a Widdrington.
- 9 (*sic*). Charles, born 1765; married first Miss Phipps, secondly Miss Bullock of Essex. (A Rear-Admiral.)
10. Johana, born 1768; married Captain Pill Burnaby Greene, R.N."

Sir David Latimer Tinling Widdrington had issue:—

- XXII. 1. George John, born at his uncle's, Colonel Teesdale's house at Chichester, 22 November 1787; a Major in the 83rd Regiment; died of wounds received at the battle of Vittoria, November 1813.
2. Augustus Latimer, born 16 December 1801.
 3. Sidney Henry (of whom later).
 4. Adolphus Latimer (of whom later).
 1. Louisa Georgina, born 17 January 1796; married the Rev. Rowland Grove Curtois of Lincolnshire, Clerk in Holy Orders, D.D.; Chaplain to the Forces. Had issue:—
 - (1) George Charles Widdrington, Captain 63rd Regiment; slain at the battle of Inkermann in his 25th year, "a most promising officer, and most amiable man, deeply deplored."
 - (2) Rowland L. S., an officer in the 1st (The Royal) Regiment.
 2. Augusta Isabella, born 18 December 1797.

3. Emma Matilda, born 1 January 1800.
4. Alicia Almeria, born 12 July 1805; married first Captain Henry Pooley, R.E., by whom she had no issue; married secondly, 9 May 1846, Edwin Toby Caulfield, Commander Royal Navy, by whom she had:—
(1) Edwin James Stuart, now at 8 Stamford Gardens, Kensington.

XXII. Sidney Henry Widdrington, born 16 December 1803; a Captain in the 53rd Regiment; M.A.; afterwards Clerk in Holy Orders; Rev. Incumbent of St. Leonards-on-Sea; Rector of Walcott Bath, of St. Michael's, Coventry; later Rector of St. Mark's, St. John's Wood. He with his brother Adolphus cut the entail of the moiety of the Hauxley property, and sold it to his cousin 23 January 1842. Married first 23 March 1830 Fanny Caroline, daughter of Thomas Strickland of Kendall (see Burke's "Landed Gentry"), by whom he had no issue; she died 6 February 1831, at the residence of Lady Murray Andover. Married secondly at St. George's, Hanover Square, 29 December 1838, Harriet, "daughter of John Holman of Chelmsford," supposed to have been the putative father, the real parent being King George IV; died at Athleigh, Beulah Hill, Upper Norwood, 12 April 1893, aged 77. He died 23 July 1870 at 155 Maida Vale, leaving issue:—

XXIII. 1. Sidney H. Latimer Tinling, died 21 September 1869; "Adjutant of the 4th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers, and late Captain the Queen's Royals; eldest son of the Rev. Tinling Widdrington, Vicar of St. Mark's, Hamilton Terrace, St. John's Wood; aged 29."

XXIII. 2. Ernest Augustus Dundas, born at Coventry 1842; Captain 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers; married first 27 May 1869, "at St. Mark's Church, Hamilton Terrace, by the Rev. S. H. Widdrington, M.A., Vicar, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. J. Fleming, B.D., Incumbent of Camden Church, Camberwell, Ernest Augustus Dundas Widdrington, late Captain 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers, to Ellen Eliza, third daughter of the late Robert Skeet, of Maida Hill." She died at Rockhill Terrace, Cricklewood (see SKEET family, p. 45), 3 May 1875; buried at Paddington, leaving one daughter:—

XXIV. Edyth Maud Constance, married, 28 April 1903, Reid Taylor of Montreal, now at 9 Priory Mansions, Drayton Gardens, Kensington, and has one daughter:—

Griselle Widdrington.

Married secondly Mary, only daughter of George Wilkinson of Oswald House, Durham, at All Saints', Upper Norwood, 16 June 1881, by whom he had no issue. Mrs. Widdrington is now at Hauxley, Mitcham Common, Surrey. Captain Widdrington died 7 November 1885.

3. Algernon St. Clair, died without issue 1891.

XXIII. 4. Reginald, married Louisa, daughter of George R. Sims, the journalist; died 1899, leaving issue:—

1. Sidney, who was drowned.

1. Maud, now living with her mother at Ealing.

XXII. Adolphus Latimer Tinling Widdrington, born 25 August 1807; baptized at Pear Tree Green Church; youngest son of Sir David Latimer Widdrington, Captain in the 73rd Regiment; married at All Saints', Southampton, September 1837, Charlotte Phipps, only surviving daughter of Rear-Admiral Tinling; he died 9 November 1860. His wife was

baptized at All Saints', Southampton, 29 June 1837; died at Brighton 18 February 1877.
Had issue:—

XXIII. 1. Sidney Latimer Tinling, born 29 March 1838, at Southampton; baptized there 25 April 1838; H.M. Inspector of Customs; married at St. Mark's, Jersey, 26 September 1870, Florence Mary, youngest daughter of Warman Reid Bond, M.D., H.E.I.C.S., of Co. Galway. Had issue:—

XXIV. (1) Percy Elborough Tinling, born 5 June 1873; baptized at St. Michael's, Southampton, 26 June 1873; married at All Saints', Clifton, 29 May 1897, Enid, eldest daughter of Henry E. Stacy of Clifton. She died at Calderbrook, Lancashire, 4 September 1903. M.A. Oxford; Clerk in Holy Orders; Vicar of St. Peter's, Coventry; son and heir to the present representative of the Tinling branch of the Widdringtons of Hauxley. Has issue:—

(1) Gerard Nigel Tinling, born at Newcastle-on-Tyne 10 May 1901; baptized at St. Philip's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 2 June 1901.

(2) Sidney Adolphus, born 2 August 1875, at Blechington, Southampton. A civil engineer at sea.

(3) Hilda Louisa Elton, born at Hartlepool, co. Durham; now of 28 Hallesches, Berlin.

1. Alicia Ashley, now of 20 Goldstone Villas, Hove, Sussex.

2. Charlotte Augusta, a sister in the Anglican Convent, Woodside, Croydon.

3. Mary Louisa, died at Swansea 25 October 1842.

4. Harriette Mary Elizabeth, died at Carrick-on-Suir 30 May 1845.

5. Margaret Henrietta, died at Pear Tree Green, Itchen, Southampton, 28 March 1848.

6. Emily Maria, died at Pear Tree Green 3 March 1848.

7. Lucy Rhoda, died 9 September 1850.

8. Isabell Octavia, died at Itchen 4 September 1851.

9. Ella Elton, now of 20 Goldstone Villas, Hove, Sussex.

WIDDRINGTON OF CARTINGTON.

[Extracted at the College of Arms, "Visitation of London," Dugdale, Cal. 3, 9^b.]

Arms.—Quarterly argent and gules, a bend sable, thereon a mullet for difference.

Sir John Widdrington of Widdrington, Knt.—Agnes, daughter to James Metcalf.

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Sir Henry Widdrington,
Knt., obyt s. prole.

Edward Widdrington of
Swinborne Magna.

Ursula, da. & heire to
Sir Reginald Carnaby
of Halton.

Dorothy, mar. to Sir
Roger Fenwick, Knt.

Ralph
Widdrington.
1615.

Roger Widdrington of
Cartington
1615.

Mary, daughter
to Francis Radcliffe of Derwentwater.

Sir Henry Widdrington, Knt.

Mary, daughter
to Sir Reginald Curwen of Workinton, Knt.

Katherine, mar. to Robt. Mallory, 2 son of Sir John Mallory of Stodley.

Dorothy, mar. to John Errington of Errington.

Edward Widdrington,
at. unius anni 1615.

Mary. Margaret.

William Widdrington,
at. 4 annos 1615.

Katherine.

Mary.

Elizabeth.





SIR EDWARD WIDDRINGTON.

By kind permission, from a picture in the possession of Mr. Weld at Lulworth Castle. (See page 139.)

WIDDRINGTON OF CARTINGTON.

[Continued from Dugdale, Cal. 3, 9^b.]

Sir Francis Radcliffe of Dilston, co. Northumberland, and Isabel, d. of Sir Ralph Grey of Chilverwater, co. Cumberland, Knt., only son of Sir George lingham, co. Northumberland, Knt.; Radcliffe, Knt.; created a Baronet 31 Jan. 1619; died settlements before marriage dated 18 23 Dec. 1622; bur. in his Parish Church at Corbridge. July 1576.

*Rosamond 5th d. Radcliffe
Westworth of Worley or
Worley, Yorks. m. 1632.*

= Roger Widdrington of Cartington, 1615 = Mary.

Christina = Edward Widdrington, "of the age of one yere," created a Baronet of Scotland Sept. 1635 and a Baronet of England 8 Aug. 1642; died without surviving male issue. Married.

"Christina Stuart," presumably dau. of the Hon. John Stewart, 2nd son of Francis, 1st Earl of Bothwell ("Complete Baronetage," G. E. C.), of Cole Park and Cartington. Evidently belonged to the 3rd Order of St. Francis, for his portrait, now at Mr. Weld's at Lulworth, represents him laid out in the Franciscan habit, with the following inscription: "Vera effigies Illustrissimi Domini Edwardi Widdrington, Equites et Baronetti, ætatis suæ 57, ob. anno 1671, 13 Junii;" was buried in the Capuchin Church at Bruges.*

.... d. of Charlton of Hesleyside, co. Northumberland. In 1670 she entered the English Benedictine Convent at Bruges. "Entered our enclosure intending to end her life in Religion, and Sir Edward was minded to enter among the Carthusians, and to make his vows on the same day as she would be professed here. But she became very ill, and meanwhile her husband died in our outhouse for boarders, exhausted with most rigorous fasting and austerities, esteemed a Saint by all, also by townfolk" (Archives of English Benedictine Convent at Bruges).

Mary. Margaret.

? mar. Ord.

"In 1676 Mrs. Ord, sister of Sir Edward Widdrington, brought bither her niece Miss Christina Charlton, but she did not stay." (Records of English Convent at Bruges.)

Roger, son and heir, born circa 1641; living 1652; d. v. patria s.p. ("Complete Baronetage," G. E. C.); bur. 25 May 1654, "Roger, son of Sir Edward Widdrington of Cartington, Knight & Baronet" (Rothbury Register).

Henry, educated at English Benedictine College at Douay(?).

One of these sons was probably Father Paul a S. Magdallenas Widdrington, O.S.F. Professed at Douay 1685-6 (?).

Mary, eldest d. and coheir, had an annuity of £140 out of Overwarden and Swinburne (Catholic Non-jurors).

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Sir Edward Charlton, Bart.,† of Healeside, co. Northumberland, ob. 16 Jan. 1674 (see Burke's "Landed Gentry"). "William Charlton, son of Mr. Charlton of the Bower in Northumberland, lately pardoned by Queen Anne for murdering Mr. Widdrington. Edward Charlton his brother is a Doctor of Physic, and lately turned Papist, having married one of that Church" (English Catholic Non-jurors).

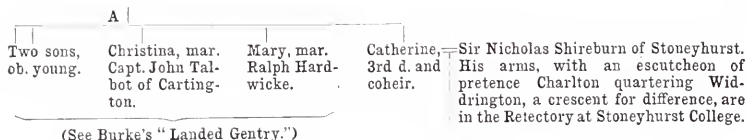
A nun (?).‡

Annie, d. of Sir Edward Widdrington, Knight and Bart., of Cartington, bur. Nov. 9, 1657. (Rothbury Register.)

* Edward Widdrington quarto die Augusti 1671 em' Com' Willi'mo Arrass cred' principal' Edwardi Widdrington nup' de Cartington in Com' Northumberland in Brudgesse in flanders in p'tibus Transmar' deft' hen'tis ee' eid adstrand' bona jura et cred' ejusd' def. de bene ee' Jurat D'na Catherina Widdrington relicta D'ci def. prius renunciente. (Adm'on Act Book, 1671.)

† Arms of Charlton.—In the Pipe Series at Stoneyhurst: "A lion rampant-guardant gules," as registered at the College of Arms: "Or, a lion rampant-guardant gules, a chief ermine fretty vert, on a canton sable a lion rampant of the field." Crest: "A lion's face gules between two dragons' wings elevated proper, on each a fret sable."

‡ Two ladies of the Widdrington family not as yet identified were possibly daughters of Sir Edward: 1. M. Ignatia Widdrington, Poor Clare at Gravelines; professed 1682, aged 29. 2. M. Anthony Widdrington, Poor Clare at Gravelines; professed 1687, at the age of 17; died 1749. Sir Edward was greatly attached to the Franciscan Order. Or these ladies may have been daughters of Edward Widdrington, who was slain at the Boyne.



Thomas, 8th Duke of Norfolk=Mary, only surviving d. and heir=The Hon. Peregrine Widdrington.

WIDDRINGTON OF CHEESEBURN GRANGE.

[Extracted at the College of Arms, C. 24, 497.]

Thomas Widdrington of Asington in com. Northumberland.=

Lewes Widdrington of Chesborne Grange,=Katherin, daughter of William Lawson of Little Elsworth
com. Northumberland. of the Bishopricke.

Thomas Widdring-
ton, eldest son.

Henry.

Rowland Widdrington of=
London, Draper, living
aⁿ 1634.

Rafo.
—
Nicholas.

Katherin.
—
Ellen.

Continuation to 1641

The following is inserted for what it is worth. The pedigree was repeated some years since in "Notes and Queries":—

FAMILY REGISTER OF WIDDRINGTONS ("Gent. Mag.," February 1853).

A letter from Edinburgh 8 January 1853, quoting a Church of England Prayer-book dated 1684, belonging to a lineal descendant of the family who went to Ireland early in the last century:

Ralph Witherington was married to Mary Smith the 13th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1703, at seaven a clock in the morning, Sunday.
Eliz. Witherington was borne the 14 day of Jeneruarey 1704-5.
Henery Witherington was borne 11 March 1708.
Robert Witherington was borne 21 April 1712.
Mary Witherington was borne 23 July 1714.
Dubry (? Deborah) Widdrington was borne.
Ann Witherington was borne 17 January 1717.
Joseph Witherington was borne 13 March 1719.
Ralph Widdrington was borne 26 February 1720.
Francis Widdrington was borne 2 April 1721.
Debra Widdrington was borne 2 November 1725.
Abigail Widdrington was borne 19 November 17 . . [torn].
John Widdrington was borne 22 January 17 . . [torn].

On another leaf, probably children of the same :

William Witherington, born 6 March 1710.

Fenwick Widdrington, born 13 February 1730.

The following evidently applies to a new generation :

Ralph Widdrington was born ye 15 January 1738-9, grandson to Ralph Widdrington and son to Henry Widdrington.

In other parts of the Prayer Book the Ralph Widdrington above mentioned is styled Ralph Widdrington of Hauxley in the Parish of Warkworth, co. Northumberland.

And following under 1709: Henry Widdrington of Harbottle in England, in ye County of Northumberland, in the Parish of Whittingham.

None of these are at Warkworth.—L. C.

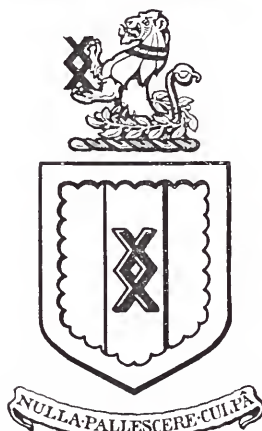
Same volume, p. 280 :

There resided at Camberwell a few years ago a publican named Widdrington, the sign of whose house was the Widdrington Arms. He gave himself out as the male representative of the last Lord Widdrington, but whether with any truth I am quite unable to say.

BARCLAY DE MOUNTENEY.

See also p. 307, vol. v., of Hodgson's "Northumberland" for account of a Robert Widdrington, who died at Newcastle in 1806.

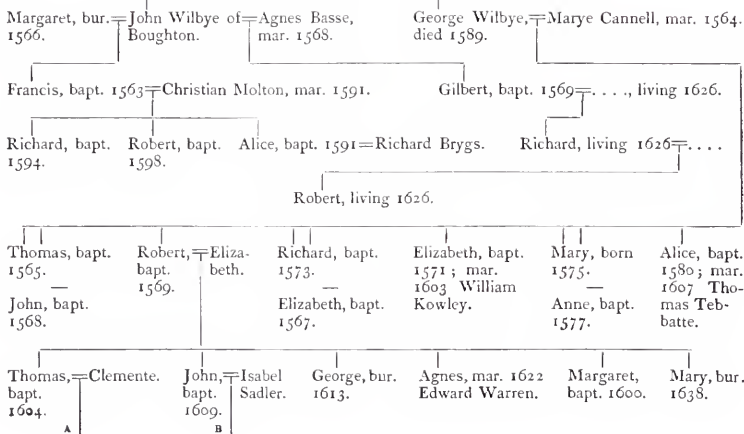
Pedigree of Wilby.



ARMS.—*Azure, on a pale, within a bordure engrailed argent, a mill-rind sable.*

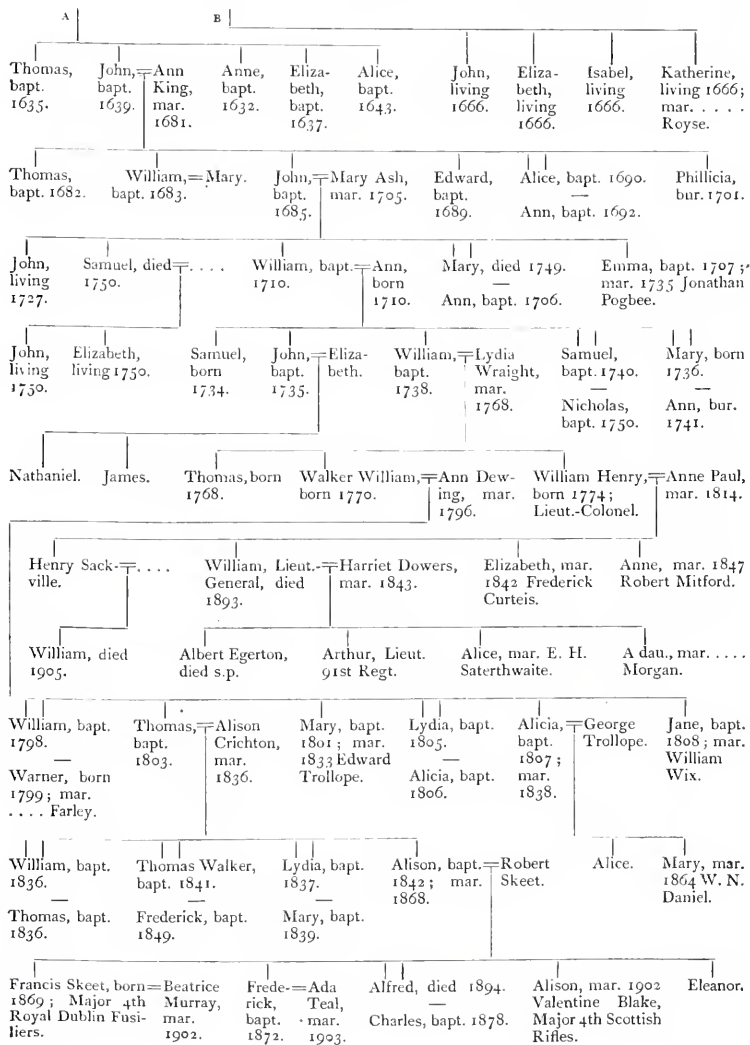
CREST.—*A demi-lion rampant argent issuant from a wreath of laurel proper, gorged with a collar gemel sable, and holding between the paws a mill-rind as in the arms.*

... Wilbye or Willoby, living at Boughton, co. Northampton, ... early in the sixteenth century.



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WILBY OR WILLOBY OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THIS family probably took their name from the small village of Wilby in Northamptonshire. Professor Skeat gives the origin of the name "Wilby" as follows: "The termination 'by' is Norse; it means 'town.'" It would require a very early charter to settle the "Wil-." If the name is English the sense is probably "Willa's town," as Willa (gen. case Willan) is a common name, and was cut down to Wil- in later times in the genitive case (note by Professor Skeat).

The family was early settled in Northamptonshire; others of the name were in Suffolk, Essex, and Norfolk, but I do not think they were related—probably distinct branches taking their name from the villages of Wilby in Norfolk and Suffolk.

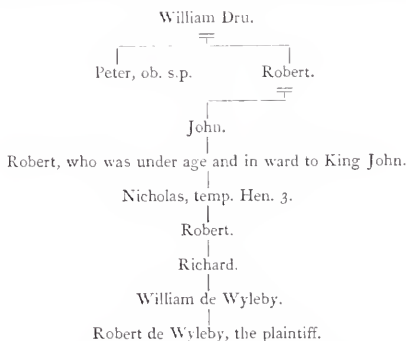
There were many Wilbys and Willoughbys in Lincolnshire who may have descended from the same common origin as those of Northamptonshire.

WILLOBI IN DOMESDAY.—Burton—Comites or Earls Barton. In Domesday Baurton and Burton. To Burton Manor belonged Dodintone, Willebi, and Asbi. They belonged at the general survey to Countess Judith, passing with her other possessions to the Royal line of Scotland (Bridges' "Northamptonshire").

DE WYLEBY PEDIGREE.

[From the Plea Rolls.]

Northamp.—Robert de Wyleby sued Richard de Maundeville and William Casse for the next presentation to the church of Wyleby, the advowson of which Walter, son of Robert de Wyleby, had given to Peter, son of William Dru, temp. Ric. I. (De Banco, Mich., 14 E. 3, m. 357.)



N.B.—From the number of generations specified it is probable that the plaintiff had advanced the period of Peter, son of Peter Dru, in order to bring the case within legal memory.

("Genealogist," vol. viii., part 1.)

Willoughby, John de, Johannes de Wiluby, Wilghby, Wilughby, Wyleby, Wyllyheby, Wylgheby, Wyluby, Wylugby, Wylughby, etc.

1307. Wilughby, Johannes de . . . one of the Assessors and Collectors in the County of Northampton, granted at the Parliament of Northampton.

1313. Ditto.

1314. Conservator of the Peace for Northampton, Justice of Oyer and Terminer in the Counties of Bucks, Bedford, and Northampton. Summoned to perform military service in person against the Scots at the muster at Newcastle.

1315. One of the justices appointed for the trial of rioters.

1316. One of the commissioners appointed to raise foot soldiers in the County of Northampton; directed to surcease from raising foot soldiers; instructed concerning armour provided for them.

1322. "Miles" Assessor Collector for Northampton.

(Taken from amongst other notices from Parliamentary Writs collected and edited by Sir Francis Palgrave 1834.)

The above are the earliest mentions of the name of Wyleby, Willoby, Wyllobie, Wilbie, Weble, or Wilby in Northampton; it would seem to prove that they took their name from the village of Wilby in Northamptonshire.

1471. In the reign of King Edward the Fourth there was a Carmelite friar Richard Wilby by name, living at Northampton, as appears from the following extract from Northampton Borough Records:—

For the House of the Brothers Carmelite of Mount Carmel at Northampton. Thomas Sale, Mayor, to Nicholas Cantelowe, professor of Holy Writ, the Prior of the house and of the convent of Brothers aforesaid, and of other good faithful men, with the venerable company of discreet men, namely . . . (*inter alia*) Richard Wilby . . . making known that the walls of the Brothers before mentioned, newly erected, and built there before the wall or buttress as a support to the south aisle of the church, &c.—4th of May, 10th year of the Reign of King Edward IV.

"The Visitations of Northamptonshire, 1618-19," edited by W. C. Metcalfe, F.S.A., give a pedigree of Willoughby of Grendon with arms—"Quarterly of thirteen: Or, two bars gules charged with three water bougets argent."

Amongst the Roll of the men-at-arms present at the battle of Agincourt appears:—

The Retinue of the Erle of Suffolk
Lances . . . John Wylby . . .

WILBY, WILLOBY, OR WILLOBIE OF BOUGHTON.

Boughton is a small village $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles north of Northampton. In 1840 it had 360 inhabitants. The church is dedicated to St. John the Baptist.

The early part of this pedigree is compiled from the Northampton Wills and the Boughton Parish Register.

There were several members of this family settled at Boughton early in the sixteenth century before the brothers George and John Wilby. I have been unable to satisfactorily put them in pedigree form, and have inserted the earliest unabsorbed wills and entries in the Register first.

Henry VIII.

Thomas Wyllobie [indistinct, original torn] of Boughton, dated 24 February [torn]. To be buried at Boughton. Mentions: Agnes Martyn, William Martyn, Alyce Martyn, Thomas Broks, Elyn Bronks, Agnes Bronks. Residue to wife Joan Wylloby for life and afterwards to divide between Margaret Martyn and Joan Bronks, daughters. Overseers, Robert Martyn, Richard Bronks. Witnesses, John Wylloby, Thomas Wylloby, William Wylloby. No note of proof.

Joane Wylloby (widow of the above) of Boughton. Will dated 9 June 1535. To be buried at Boughton. Mentions William Martyn, Thomas Broke, Robert Broke, Anne Skynnar, Margaret Skynnar, Elizabeth Skynnar, Elizabeth Broke (children of Richard Broke), Alyce Martyn, sister Elizabeth, Joane Tymes, Clemence Cawell, William Wilby, daughter Margaret, wife of Robert Martyn. Residue to Robert Martyn and Richard Bronks, executors. Supervisors, John Wilby, Henry Tannar. Witnesses, Thomas Willes, Thomas Millner, Thomas Wilbye, William Wilby. No note of proof.

They left no male issue. John and William Wilby, mentioned in their wills, were probably brothers, and Thomas a nephew. Their wills now follow:—

John Wilby. Will dated 20 February, 25 Hen. VIII., 1534. Residue to son Thomas at his discretion as executor. Overseers, William Vynner, Richard Paykins. Witnesses, Thomas Wilbe, Thomas Mylne, Thomas Wilbe the elder, John Martyn, William Margaret Martyn.

"First my soul to Almighty God and to our Lady St. Mary and to all the Holy Company of Heaven, and my body to be buried in St. John's Churchyard of Boughton. Also I give to the maintaining of the Rood light of the same Church 4*d.*, also I give to the reparation of the same Church 4*d.* I give to the mother Church of (torn—probably Lincoln or Peterboro') 2*d.* To the light before St. John of Boughton 4*d.* To the altar of the same Church 6*d.* To the bells 4*d.* I will that there be dealt to pray for my soul and Christian souls to every man, woman and child dwelling in Boughton 1*d.* I will that they shall have priests to say or sing dirge and mass for my soul and all Christian souls, and they to have for their labour every one of them 4*d.* On my month days* 3 priests to sing dirge and mass 12*d.* 3 clerks 6*d.* I will that there shall be said or sung the whole trentalt of masses within a whole year after my departing. On my year day 3 priests 3 clerks xviii*d.*"

The above bequests for religious purposes are valuable, as they shew what the faith of a country yeoman was in the same year of Henry VIII.'s reign that Fisher, Lord Bishop of Rochester, and Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England, were prosecuted for denying the King's supremacy in place of the Pope's.

William Wilby. Will dated 26 August 1557. To be buried at Boughton. Bequests to Son John; daughters Elizabeth, Katheryn, Agnes, Emye; son Richard. Residue to wife Margery. Witnesses, William Martyn, Thomas Wylby. Proved Oct. 29, 1557.

* Commonly known as the "Month's Mind," the monthly anniversary.

† It was the custom from the primitive ages to keep the third, seventh, and thirtieth, and sometimes fortieth day, after the decease of a Christian, with solemn prayers and sacrifices for the departed soul. The trental dates from the time of St. Gregory the Great. A priest may say a "black mass" the third, seventh, and thirtieth days after the death day, provided these dates do not fall on a double of the first class.

The following extracts from the Boughton Register probably refer to some of the above:—

Marriages.

- 1567 Oct. 27 John Tebbat to Elizabeth Wilbye.
 1571 Nov. 3 Richard Wilbye to Elizabeth Wilbye.
 1575 Oct. 8 John Lyne to Agnes Wilbye.
 1578 Oct. 11 William Walker to Eme Wilbye.

Burials.

- 1591 Nov. 16 Elizabeth Wilbye, wife of Richard Wilbye.
 1613 Jan. 25 George Wilbye, son of Richard and Eliz. Wilbye.

The Richard who married in 1571 is probably the son mentioned in the will of Richard in 1557 and ancestor of the Wilbys mentioned in the Register of St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, of whom there are entries from 1603—1742.

Thomas Wilbie, Boughton, May 24, 1589. Nuncupative will in presence of William Dale Person and Richard Wilbie. Bequest of all to Marie, his mother. No note of proof.

Early unabsorbed entries in Boughton Register:—

Baptisms.

- 1550 March 27 Rychard Wilbye, son of Robert Wilbye.
 1550 July 29 Augustyne Wilbye, son of John Wilbye.
 1550 Sept. 10 Augustyne Wilbye, son of Thomas Wilbye.
 1552 June 28 Jone, daughter of Robert Wilbye.
 1553 March 28 Hughe, son of Thomas Wilbye.
 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558. The transcriber says, "For these years we find no registers recorded at all."
 1559 March 11 Thomas Wilbye, son of (torn) Wilbye.
 1561 June 18 Augustyne, son of Robert Wilbey.

Marriage.

- 1588 Nov. 23 Robt. Tynsley to Jone Wilbye.

Burials.

- 1561 April 26 Hughe Wilbye, son of Thomas Wilbye.
 1563 July 2 Thomas Wilbye.

Elizabeth.

II. 1. John Wilbye mentioned as a brother in George Wilbye's will in 1588 is probably the same John Wilbye who married at Boughton 9 October 1568 Agnes Basse, though I think he was twice married. His first wife buried at Boughton—"1566, August 28, Margaret Wilbye, wife of John Wilbye." The relationship between his children and those of his brother George will be noticed in the different wills. Had issue:—

1. Francis, son of John Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 16 February 1563; married at Boughton 10 June 1591 Christian Molton. See also under his cousin Robert (III.). Will dated 26 January 1615. Mentions to be buried at Boughton:—

- (1) Eldest son Richarde, who was baptized at Boughton Jan. 14, 1594.
- (2) Son Robert, who was baptized at Boughton April 15, 1598.

- (1) Daughter Alice, who was baptized at Boughton Oct. 14, 1591; married at Boughton April 6, 1616, Rycharde Brygs of Wellingborough.

Wife Christian; Robert Moulton, son of Edward Moulton; Edward Moulton, son of Edward Moulton; Amye Moulton, daughter-in-law. Witnesses, Edward Moulton, Robert Wylbye. Proved 4 February 1615.

Francis Wilbye, husbandman, buried at Boughton Jan. 28, 1615.

Buried Feb. 18, 1620, Christia Wilbye, widow, an old woman.

2. Gilberte Wilbye, son of John Wilbye, baptized at Boughton July 22, 1569. Will of Gilbert Wilbee of Cotesbrooke, dated 9 February 1626. Mentions wife executrix.

(1) Son Richard.

(1) Grandchild Robert Wilbe.

Godson John Banbury, brother Thomas Barten's children, Fanny Smith. Residue to wife, executrix. Overseers, Robert Slatyer, Richard Wilkinson. Witnesses, Robert Slatyer, Richard Wilkinson, Thomas Neale. Proved Mar. 17, 1626.

11. 2. George Wilbye, married at Boughton 25 November 1564 to Marye Cannell. This is the first entry of a marriage of the name of "Wilby" in the Register. His will, dated 22 March 1588, proved 11 January 1589, mentions—sons Robert and Richard, daughters Elizabeth, Ann, and Alice, brother John, Anne Wilby, and Mary Dannett. Residue to wife Mary and son Thomas, executors. Overseers, Thomas Darwell, Richard Wilby. Witnesses, Thomas Darwell, Richard Wilby, Richard Harwood, Marke Smyth, Geffery Dale. He was buried at Boughton 3rd April 1589.

Will of his widow Mary Wilbye of Boughton, dated 16 July 1608. To be buried at Boughton. Mentions daughter Elizabeth, sons James and John, daughter Agnes; Agnes Wilby, son Richard's daughter; Mary Wilby, son Robert's daughter; son Robert; Thomas Smyth, godson. Residue to Thomas Tebbat, son-in-law, and Alice, his wife, executors. Overseers, neighbours Hughe Stouton, Richard Wilby. Witnesses, John Parker, John Cannell. Proved 29 November 1610. Mary Wilby, widow, was buried at Boughton 21 November 1610. They had issue:—

1. Thomas Wilbye, son of George Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 10 February 1565. Executor in father's will, probably dead in 1608.
2. John Wilbye, son of George Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 19 October 1568.
3. Robert, son of George Wilbye (of whom later).
4. Richard, son of George Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 2 August 1573. Mentioned in his father's will, also in his mother's, with his daughter Agnes, who does not appear to have been baptized at Boughton.

Will of Richard Wilbye of Boughton, dated 10 February 1613. To be buried at Boughton. Mentions: Izachar Tebbatt, Alix Yorke, Anthony Walker, son of William Walker, kinswoman Ann Payue, kinswoman Margaret Walker, Anne Tinslye, daughter of Robert Tinslye, Rychard Wilbye, son of Francis Wilbye, Alice Wilbye, daughter of Francis Wilbye, Francis Wilbye, Gilberte Wilbye, Catherine Creak, Thomas Tebbat, William Tynslye, son of Robert Tynslye, Rychard Wattes. Residue to Thomas Tebbat, executor. Overseers, neighbours Thomas Goodman, Edward Moulton. Witnesses, Jo. Parker, Richard Wilby. Proved 1 March 1614.

1. Elizabeth, daughter of George Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 17 September 1567. Buried there 14 October 1567.

2. Elizabeth, daughter of George Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 23 September 1571; married at Boughton 25 July 1603 William Kowley.
3. Mary, daughter of George Wilbye, (born) at Boughton 22 March 1575. Buried at Boughton 22 March 1575, the daughter of George Wilbye.
4. Anne, daughter of George Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 9 December 1577.
5. Alice, daughter of George Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 13 January 1580; married at Boughton 8 September 1607 Thomas Tebbatte, both executors to her mother's will in 1608. (Note.—For the years 1554–58 no register.)

III. Robert Wilbye of Boughton, baptized at Boughton 3 October 1569. Robert, son of George Wilbye, mentioned in his father's will in 1588, in his mother's in 1608, married Elizabeth. The following occurrence noted in the Boughton Register in 1607 refers to himself and his cousin Francis:—

"In the year 1606 was the Towne lande recovered by lawe from Mrs. Francis Ingoldsbeye, having been foure yeares before in the Chancerye and brought to the right use of the Towne of Boughton, accordinge to the will of Mrs. Richard Humfrey that gave it, notwithstanding it had bene kept from the Towne almost threescore yeares, the parties that did recover it were John Parker, Parson of this Parish, in whose name the whole suite was tryed, Roger Lauman, Gent., George Hillyer, Henry Stouton, Francis Wilbye, William Facer, Augustine Odell, Robert Wilbye, all Freeholders, to the great charge of these fewe men all the rest readye to spend their money against them, beside many hard wordes and great trouble which these fewe men indured, yet being so charitable a worke for they that shall come hereafter to be Inhabitants in Buckton they indured both the great charges and the harde wordes, and so in the ende brought it to good passe. God be blessed for it. Amen. And all you that come after have good cause to praise God for them. Fiat volentes Domine."

Had issue:—

1. Thomas Wilbye, son of Robert and Elizabeth Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 10 February 1604 (of whom later).
2. John Wilbye, son of Robert and Elizabeth Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 7 May 1609.

We do not find any further trace of him at Boughton. He is probably John Wilby, Bachelor of Medicine from Clare Hall, Cambridge, 1638, Doctor of Medicine from Merton College, Oxford, 13 October 1646. Admitted a Candidate of the College of Physicians 22 June 1650, and a Fellow 1 March 1653-4. Married Isabel Sadler, as the following extract from her father's will shews:—

1658. "Will of John Sadler of St. Stephen's, Walbrooke, dated 11 December 1658; proved 3 January 1658. I give and devise unto my sons-in-law Master John Wilby, Doctor in Physic, and Master Anthony Walker (Anthony Walker, son of William Walker, is mentioned in Richard Wilbye, John Wilbye's uncle's will in 1613), now Minister at Fifeild, Essex, all lands, etc., in Stratford, £20 on trust for education, etc., of John Wilby, son of said John Wilby, and same for John Walker, son of said Anthony Walker; his daughters Elizabeth, wife of Walker, and Isabel, wife of Wilby; grandchildren Elizabeth, Isabel, and Katherine Wilby."

Will of John Wilbie of Hoxton, in parish of St. Leonards, Shoreditch, Phisitian, dated 28 February 1666. Mentions: Son John Wilbie, eldest daughter Elizabeth Wilbie, daughter Isabel Wilbie, youngest daughter Katherine Wilbie *alias* Royse. Mr. Obadiah Walker of London, Fellow of University College, Oxford, all the lease of the Rectory of Wistering in Sussex, which testator purchased of Mr. Dale. Edward Perkins of London. Mr. Thomas Henshay of Kensington, Esquire. Proved 7 November 1668 (P.C.C., Hene, 149).

The name Walker has been continuously used in the Wilby family as a Christian name to as late as the middle of the nineteenth century. The following notes on Anthony Walker were supplied by Mr. J. L. Glascock :—

Anthony Walker, D.D., Rector of Fyfield, County Essex, 1650, presented to the living by the Earl of Warwick. He succeeded Henry Havers. The Parliamentary Return in 1650 is: "Mr. Walker. Mr. Havers supplies the cure till Michaelmas next by appointment of Mr. Walker."

Bishop Kennet says: "There was a common tradition in Essex that Dr. Anthony Walker had exerted a similar influence as his predecessor at Fyfield (Henry Havers);" that is, he advised him not to conform.

Walker, *after* being presented to the living, conformed (Davide, "Evangelical Nonconformity in Essex"). Wrote an account of the authorship of the Eikon Basilike against King Charles I., which was demonstrated to be false by Thomas Long, Prebendary of Exeter, 1693.

Fyfield.—Ant. Walker (1692, 127, Fane). He is called Dr. Walker in the will of J. Aylett (1667, Archd. Essex). He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Sadler of St. Stephen's, Walbrooke. J. S. was son of John Sadler of Stratford-upon-Avon. Anthony Walker was the author of *Plantus Unigenite*, a sermon preached at Felstead (4to, Lond., 1664). (Addition to Newcourt's "Repertorium," Essex Arch. Soc., vol. vi., p. 299).

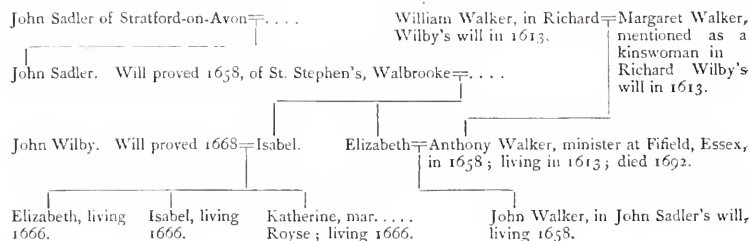
From Notes on the Knightsbridge Pamphlets ("Essex Review"), vol. xii., p. 241 :—

"1692, 18 April. Joseph Woodward's sermon at the funeral of Dr. Anthony Walker, rector of Fyfield. At the end is advertised a book entitled 'The Holy Life of Mrs. Eliz. Walker, late wife of Dr. Anthony Walker.'"

Registers of Fyfield, County Essex.—This Register has been printed by F. A. Crisp. Walker occurs.

TENTATIVE PEDIGREE OF WALKER.

William Walker=Eme Wilbey, mar. at Boughton 11 Oct. 1578.



3. George Wilbye, son of Robert and Elizabeth Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 6 December 1612. Buried at Boughton 25 January 1613 George Wilbye, son of Richard and Elizabeth Wilbye.

1. Agnes Wilbey, daughter of Robert Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 12 March 1597; married at Boughton 23 May 1622 Edward Warren of Hanging Houghton.
2. Margaret Wilbye, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 23 June 1600.
3. Mary Wilbye, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 25 September 1602. In grandmother's will in 1608. 11 January 1638, buried Mary Wilbe.

1642, 16 April. Buried Elizabeth Wilbye, wife of Robert. There is no record of Robert Wilbye's burial, nor is there any will. This may be accounted for by the outbreak of the Civil War.

IV. Thomas Wilbye of Boughton, baptized at Boughton 10 February 1604. Thomas Wilbye, son of Robert and Elizabeth Wilbye, married Clemente and had issue:—

James I.

1. Thomas Wilbye, son of Thomas and Clemente Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 21 September 1635.
 2. John (of whom later).
 1. Anne Wilbye, daughter of Thomas and Clemente Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 16 June 1632.
 2. Elizabeth Wilbye, daughter of Thomas and Clemente Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 7 January 1637.
 3. Alice Wilbye, daughter of Thomas and Clemente Wilbye, baptized at Boughton 13 August 1643.
- The daughter of Thomas Wilby, unbaptized; buried at Boughton 7 September 1631.

Thomas Wilby, husbandman, buried at Boughton 12 October 1678. Clemente Wilby, wife of Thomas Wilby, buried at Boughton 24 January 1682.

Charles I.

V. John Wilby of Boughton, baptized 22 March 1639; married—"John Wilbee of Boughton to Anne King, August 22, 1681" (St. Sepulchre's Register, Northampton). "Buried at Boughton 1 April 1703 John Willbe, husbandman." (This is the last entry of Wilby in the Boughton Register.) Had issue:—

1. Thomas, baptized at Boughton 13 August 1682, son of John and Ann Wilby.
2. William, baptized at Boughton 4 November 1683, son of John and Ann Wilby. This William probably settled in London, where he was followed by his nephews, the sons of John Wilby, and the following from the register of Bridewell Hospital Chapel refers to his death: "1733, April 20. William Wilby was buried."
3. John, baptized at Boughton 10 January 1685, son of John Wilby, yeoman (of whom later).
4. Edward, baptized 21 July 1689. Edward Willbe, son of John Willbe, yeoman.
1. Alice, baptized at Boughton 21 September 1690, daughter of John and Ann Willbe.
2. Ann, baptized at Boughton 17 July 1692. Ann, daughter of John and Ann Wilbe.

3. Phillicia, 30 January 1701. Phillicia Willbe, daughter of John and Ann Willbe, buried at Boughton.

Charles II.

VI. John Wilby of Northampton. May have married first when young at St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, Susan Thompson, 24 October 1700. She was buried—"Susannah, wife of John Wilby, Jan. 8, 1701." The following baptism occurs—"Susannah, daur. of John and Susannah Wilby, Jan. 1, 1701." Marriage of John Wilby to Mary Ash, 3 July 1705 (St. Sepulchre's Register). Will of John Wilby, dated 2 June 1727, describes himself as of the parish of St. Sepulchre's in the town of Northampton. Mentions:—

"I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Wilby my house that I now live in with appurtenances thereunto belonging in Sheep Street after the death of wife Mary. Son John Wilby. Son Samuel Wilby. Son William Wilby. Daughter Emma Wilby. Wife Mary Wilby, sole executrix. Proved 27 May 1735 by Mary Wilby, the executrix."

John Wilby, buried at St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, 26 May 1735.

It would appear that Mary Wilby followed her children to London and was buried at Brompton Hospital Chapel 7 October 1759, aged 82.

Had issue:—

1. John, mentioned in his father's will.
2. Samuel of St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London, "widower." Will dated 8 November 1750. Mentions (1) son John Wilby to have freehold land in Northampton and his heirs for ever.

(1) Daughter Elizabeth.

Brother William. Executors Cousin Hill, Steward to Lord Grantham,* and Jeremiah Pitcher of Coleman Street, London. Proved 16 November 1750 (P.C.C., Greenly, 375).

Samuel Wilby was apprenticed to Francis Tyler 23 April 1711. Full Court, 28 April 1718, Free. Samuel Wilby, apprenticed to Francis Tyler, Citizen and Weaver, upon report of his master (Record of the Worshipful Company of Weavers).

Samuel Wilby succeeded to messuage of tenement in Northampton under his sister Mary's will. His two children are also mentioned.

3. William, son of John and Mary Wilbey, baptized at St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, 10 September 1710 (of whom later).

1. Ann, daughter of John and Mary Wilbey, baptized 29 December 1706; buried at St. Sepulchre's 6 January 1706-7.
2. Mary, mentioned in father's will of the parish of St. Luke's, County Middlesex, spinster. Will dated 26 January 1749. Mentions: Brother William Wilby of the said parish; John and Mary, children of the said Brother William, also his son William; Emma "Pubgee" of East Smithfield, widow; John and Elizabeth, children of testator's brother Samuel Wilby. Testator's freehold messuage or tenement with premises in Northampton to her brother Samuel Wilby and his heirs for ever. Residuary legatees and executors Brothers William and Samuel Wilby. Proved 27 January 1749 (P.C.C., Greenly, 34).

* Henry (de Nassau) d'Overquerque, son and heir of Henry (de Nassau) D'Overquerque, Senior, Master of the Horse to the King. Created Baron of Alford, Viscount of Boston, and Earl of Grantham, all County Lincoln, 24 December 1698; the title became extinct 1754.

3. Emma, daughter of John and Mary Wilbey, baptized at St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, 7 March 1707. Married 16 January 1735, by licence, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Jonathan Pogbee of Chinkford, Essex, bat., and Emma Wilby of Northampton, spinster. She was a widow living in East Smithfield in 1749. See will of Mary Wilby.

It is difficult now to surmise why the Wilbys removed from Northampton to London, and how they became connected with Bridewell Hospital. The Civil War and the enormous increase in the silk trade between 1664 and 1689 may have had something to do with it.

BRIDEWELL HOSPITAL.

The book from which the following extracts are taken has been for generations in the Wilby family. The account of Bridewell and the Weavers' Company is a contemporary one. Bridewell Hospital, which was anciently a Royal Palace, was granted to the City by Edward VI., anno 1553, endowed with an estate of £600 per annum. The possession of the citizens of London was confirmed by Queen Mary, 1555.

"This House was destroyed in the great conflagration anno 1666, together with the whole Presents thereunto belonging, whence arose about two-thirds of its revenue; however, by the charitable benefactions of the citizens it was soon after rebuilt in a much more magnificent and convenient manner than formerly, and wherein at present are maintained and brought up in divers arts and mysteries a considerable number of apprentices . . .

"This Hospital being united to that of Bethlehem, they have the same President, Governors, Treasurer, Auditor General, Clerk, Physician, Surgeon and Apothecary, and the domestics peculiar to this House are a Steward, Chaplain, Reader, Porter and his servant, Matron and four beadles, one of whom is Chapel Clerk."

(Maitland's "History of London.")

Printed by Samuel Richardson in Salisbury Court, near Fleet Street, 1739.

Another portion of the Hospital was used for poor indigent vagrants.

"But Bridewell is also a Hospital for the education of industrious youth. Here 20 Arts Masters (as they are styled) have houses and receive apprentices. The masters receive the fruit of their labours. After they have served with credit they are entitled to £10 and the Freedom of the City . . . They are dressed in blue with a white bat . . . and used to go in procession with the children of Christ's Hospital on Easter Monday and Tuesday."

(Pennant's "History of London.")

George II.

VII. William Wilby of St. Luke's, London, and of Bridewell Hospital.

The following extracts are taken from the Records of Bridewell Hospital:—

"Folio 44. At this Court William Wilby is one of three boys ordered to be put out as apprentices to John Burnham, Arts Master. Mr. Alderman Brocas, 18 December 1724."

"Folio 282. William Wilby is ordered to be made free 27 April 1732."

"Folio 291. Upon the petition of William Wilby, Weaver, having served his apprenticeship in the Hospital, was on the 16th of May made free, and petitions for Mr. Lock's gift."

"Folio 301. William Wilby, Weaver, is ordered to receive £10, Lock's gift."

(Bridewell Court Book, 1722—1737.)

"William Wilby of the Parish of St. Luke, Co. Middlesex, Freeman of the City for 23 years, appointed an Arts Master 29 November 1754" (*Ibid.*, 1751—1761).

"William Wilby, senior, entry on resignation 21 November 1782."

(Bridewell Committee Book, 1781—1791.)

Married Ann . . . born 1710; buried at Bridewell 16 May 1773, aged 63 (Bridewell Register). Had issue:—

1. Samuel, baptized St. Luke's, Old Street, 2 June 1734; born 22 May 1734, son of William Willbey, weaver, and Ann; buried there 19 July 1734.
2. John, baptized St. Luke's, Old Street, May 1735; married Elizabeth . . . Had issue:—

- (1) Nathaniel, son of John Wilby, weaver, and Elizabeth, was baptized St. Luke's, Old Street, 28 June 1753; born 14 June 1753 (St. Luke's Register).

Freedom copied from the original on parchment in the possession of Frederick Wilby:—

"(s) Nathaniel Wilby, son of John Wilby, who was the apprentice of Robert Lepper, citizen and cutler of London, was admitted into the Freedom aforesaid, and sworn in the Mayoralty of John Wilkes, Esqre., Major, and Sr. Spepn. Theode. Jansen, Bart., Chamberlain, and is entered in the book signed with the letter R relating to the purchasing of freedoms and the admissions of freemen (to wit), the 12th day of January, in the 15th year of the reign of King George the Third and in the year of Our Lord 1775. In witness whereof the seal of the office of Chamberlain of the said City is hereunto affixed. Dated in the Chamber of the Guild Hall of the same City the day and year aforesaid."

- (2) James, son of John and Elizabeth Wilby, baptized 26 December 1755; born 4 December 1755 (Register of Bridewell Hospital Chapel).

Thomas Wilby of Christ's Hospital mentions in his will, 23 August 1842: "To Mrs. Emma Whitehead, late Emma Wilby, my late dear Father's niece, £50." She may have been John Wilby's grand-daughter.

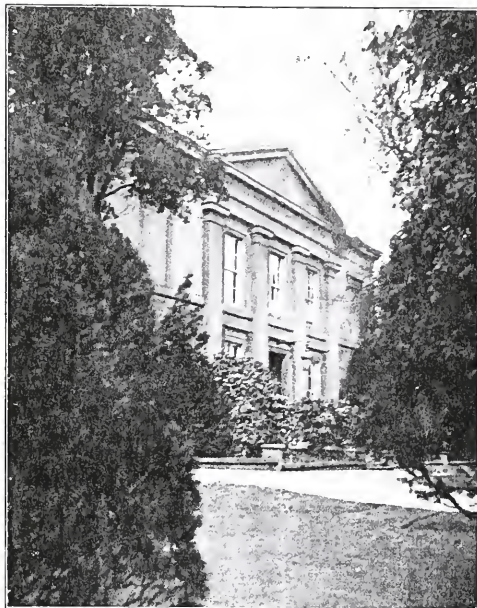
3. William, son of William Wilby, weaver, and Ann, baptized at St. Luke's 16 April 1738; born 8 April 1738 (of whom later).
4. Nicholas Bull (or Ball), son of William Wilby and Ann, baptized at St. Luke's 7 January 1750; buried there 13 January 1750.
5. Samuel, son of William Wilby, weaver, and Ann, was baptized 4 May 1740; born 26 April 1740; buried 9 May 1740 (St. Luke's Register).
1. Mary, daughter of Wilby and Ann, baptized 12 December 1736; born 16 November 1736; buried at Bridewell 22 July 1759, aged 22.
2. Ann, buried at St. Luke's 25 February 1741, a child.

George II.

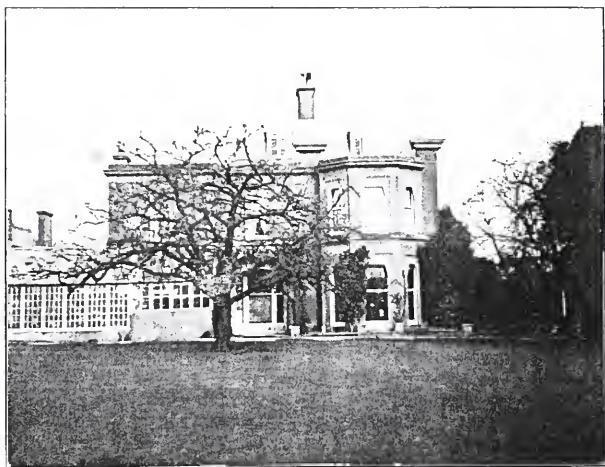
VIII. William Wilby of Wind Hill House, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, baptized at St. Luke's 16 April 1738; born 8 April 1738, with whom commences the recorded pedigree of the College of Arms.

THE WEAVERS' COMPANY.

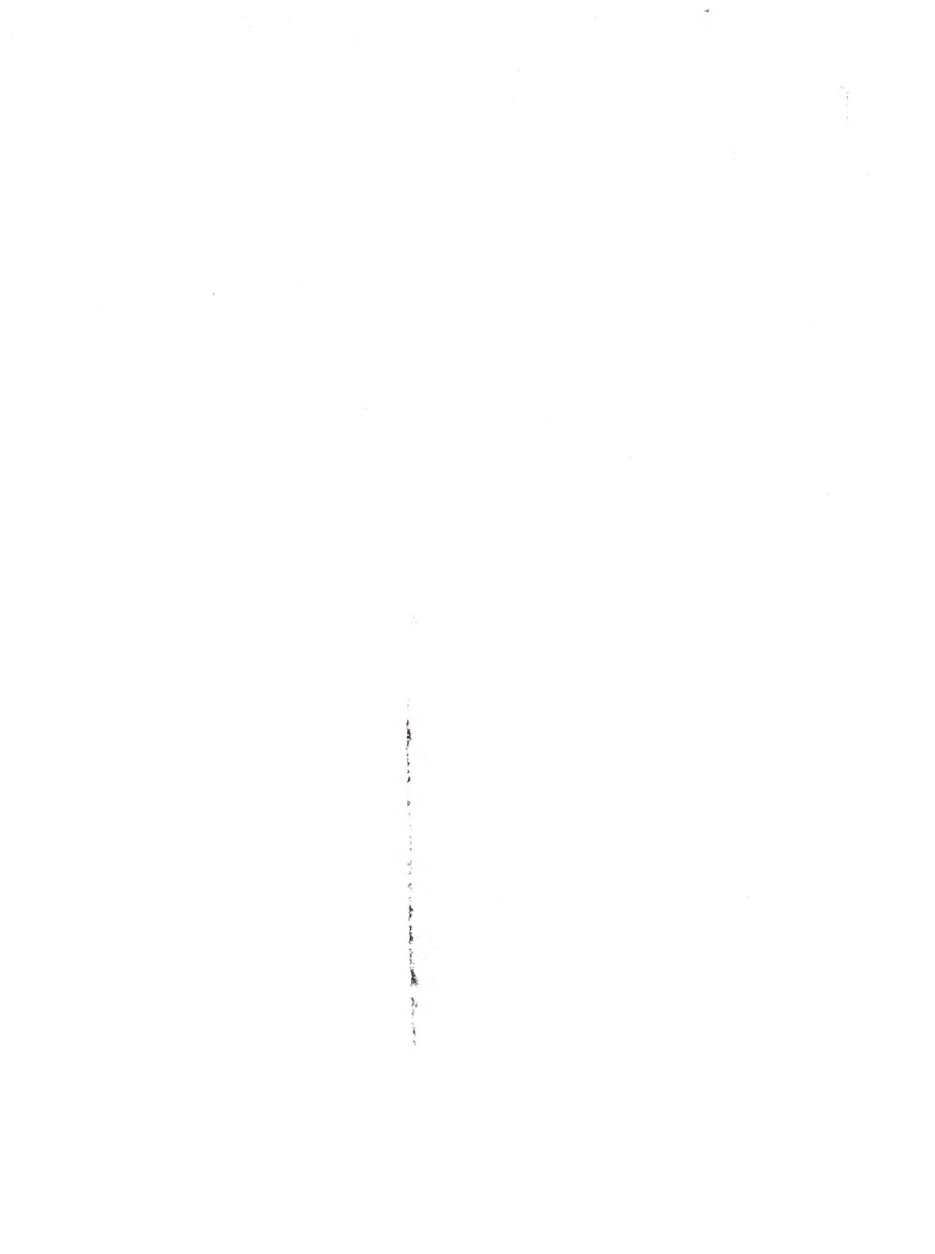
"This Fraternity, which was anciently denominated 'Telarii,' seems to be the most ancient Guild of this City . . . This Company originally consisted of the Cloth and Tapestry



WIND HILL HOUSE, BISHOP'S STORTFORD.



WIND HILL HOUSE, BISHOP'S STORTFORD.
From the Lawn.



Weavers, who appear to have been a very turbulent and litigious people, insomuch that the Mayor and Citizens of the City offered King John the sum of sixty marks to dissolve their society. . . .

"They consist of two Bailiffs, two Wardens, and sixteen assistants, with a livery of two hundred and twenty-nine members, whose fine of admission is six pounds. They have a handsome hall in Basinghall Street to manage their affairs in."

(Maitland's "History of London, 1739.")

The following are from the records of the Weavers' Company:—

"A Committee or Private Court held at Weavers' Hall 6 November 1752.

Apprentices.—William Wilby, son of William Wilby, citizen and weaver of London, is bound apprentice for seven years to John Edwards, citizen and weaver of London. No consideration."

"A Committee or Court held at Weavers' Hall on 4 February 1765.

Freemen.—William Wilby, living at Bridewell Hospital, weaver, bound apprentice 6 November 1752 to John Edwards, citizen and weaver of London, is made free by servitude by his said master."

"A General Court of Common Hall of the Worshipful Company of Weavers held at the Coopers' Hall 26 July 1779.

Auditors.—Mr. William Wilby and Mr. Coles Child, being put in nomination to be Auditors of this Company's accounts with the three members to be chosen out of the Court of Assistants, and no other person being put in nomination, Mr. Upper Bailiff declared them duly elected two of the Auditors of this Company's accounts accordingly."

"William Wilby, Junior, of Bridewell Hospital, Arris weaver, Freeman of the City, elected an Arts Master, and to have such Apartments as Committee shall think proper" (Bridewell Hospital Court Book, 1762—1781, folio 169.)

1783. Mr. William Wilby shewn in the list of Liverymen of the Weavers' Company.

"Court of Assistants at Weavers' Hall, Basinghall Street, 30 September 1783.

Stewards.—At this Court Mr. George Graves and Mr. William Wilbey, two of the Liverymen of this Company, attended pursuant to a notice, and at their request severally paid the usual fine of £15 each to be excused from serving the office of Steward on next Lord Mayor's Day."

"Apartments in the Hospital set apart for W. Wilby, junior, December 1766 (Committee Book of Bridewell Hospital, 1764—1773)."

4 March 1768. William Wilby, bachelor, of Bridewell Precinct, to Lydia Wraight of Camberwell, spinster. Witness, William Wilby, senior. By licence (Bridewell Chapel Marriage Register).

Will of Thomas Wraight of Cavendish in Suffolk, surgeon. Dated 18 September 1758:—

Son Walker Wraight and daughter Lydia Wraight, children by testator's first wife, £100 apiece at the age of 21 years. Daughter Jane Wraight and sons William and Thomas Wraight, children by Testator's present wife Mary, £100 each at 21 years. Son Walker and daughter Lydia all plate and linnen which were Testator's before his marriage with the said Mary. Wife Mary residuary legatee. Messuages or Tenements in Cavendish and Clare in Suffolk to wife Mary and her heirs for ever. Testator's brother Walker Wraight, wife Mary, and brother-in-law William Bale executors. Witnesses . . . Harrington, Stephen Brown, and Mary Baddeley. Proved 14 April 1759 (P.C.C., Arran, folio 153).

Mary Wraight from St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, was buried at Bridewell Hospital Chapel 11 February 1774, aged 52.

"W. Wilby, junior, confirmed Chapel Warden of Hospital Precinct 1 August 1771" (Court Book Bridewell Hospital, 1762—1781).

"William Wilby, junior, petitions to be allowed larger house for trade purposes 18 April 1776" (*Ibid.*, 1762—1781).

"William Wilby, junior, entry on resignation 23 June 1785 (*Ibid.*, 1781—1792).

17 March 1785, W. Wilby entered upon a large undertaking for supplying the Government with gold lace for uniforms, epaulettes, etc., buying the business from Judith Carr.

The following extracts are from a deed in the possession of Major Skeet, as is also the deed for the transfer of the business:—

"Made the twenty-eighth day of March in the Twenty-fifth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third . . . and in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty-five [the Little Britain property was in the Wilby family's possession in three centuries, 1785—1903] between Judith Carr of Little Britain, London, spinster, of the one part, and William Wilby, late of Bridewell Precinct, now of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, of the other part." Lease of a messuage or tenement situate in Little Britain for 21 years at a rental of £30 a quarter.

In the same year W. Wilby bought from Judith Carr her business of wire-pulling, Thomas Ashley Maberly being his trustee. "British Directory of Trade and Commerce," compiled by Peter Barloot and John Wilkes, 1790 and 1793, gives "Wilby and Carr, wire-drawers and lacemen, 75 Smithfield."

1798. William Wilby purchased the Little Britain property, as appears from an agreement dated 24 April 1798:—

"Between George Panton Carr of Edmonton in the County of Middlesex, Esqre., of the one part, and William Wilby of Little Britain in the City of London, wire-drawer, of the other part. . . . All those two messuages or tenements adjoining to each other situate, lying, and being on the south side of Little Britain in the Parish of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, London, one of which was heretofore in the tenure or occupation of George Lewis Carr, but now of the said William Wilby, and the other was heretofore in the tenure or occupation of John Bennett, peruke maker, but now or late of John Day . . . the sum of Eight hundred pounds, five pounds per cent. annuities now standing in the name of the said William Wilby in the books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England."

"The street called 'Little Britain,'* wherein the church is seated (St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, the City Liberty), was anciently denominated Britain Street, from the City mansion of the Duke of Bretagne in France therein situate. Since which time divers of the Nobility have had their City Houses in this Parish—viz., at the South-east Corner of Little Britain, where the South Part of the Hospital is situate, stood the Earl of Peterborough's House; and on the East Side of the said Street and South Side of Bartholomew Close was seated that of Lord Montagu; on the East Side of Aldersgate Street, the City Mansions of the Duke of Lauderdale and Earl of Shaftsbury; and on the West those of the Earl of Westmoreland and Bishop of London, and where Trinity Court is at present situate stood an Hospital belonging to the Priory of Cluny in France" (Maitland's "History of London").

* Stowe, "Survey of London."

75, 75A, and 76 Little Britain, with a frontage of 45 ft. and a superficial area 3250 square feet, were sold by the Trustee of W. Wilby 26 November 1903 for £11,000. The "Daily Telegraph," 30 November 1903, had the following notice:—

"Little Britain, which cut so important a figure in Tokenhouse Yard's 'results' last week, not merely keeps alive the name of the Dukes of Brittany, who used to have lodgings hard by, but boasts a long and intimate connection with the second-hand book trade. Roger North speaks of it as a plentiful and perpetual emporium of learned authors. 'This drew to the place a mighty trade, the rather because the shops were spacious, and the learned gladly resorted to them, where they seldom failed to meet with an agreeable conversation, and the booksellers themselves were knowing and conversible men, with whom, for the sake of bookish knowledge, the greatest wits were pleased to converse.' Milton is said to have lodged in Little Britain with a seller of old books who was famous as an auctioneer. One day when the Earl of Dorset was looking about in this thoroughfare for books to his taste, he came upon 'Paradise Lost.' The bookseller, it is recorded, begged him to speak favourably of the work, for his stock 'lay on his hands as waste paper.' Johnson found his first London lodging in Little Britain, and so did Benjamin Franklin when he came to London a youth of eighteen. The last of the old race of booksellers in Little Britain died out more than a century ago."

In 1806 W. Wilby purchased Wind Hill House, Bishop's Stortford, from . . . Clapp.

The Rev. Joseph Clapp, A.M., Master of Stortford School, was buried in St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, 1767.

Extract from his will:—

William Wilby, late of Little Britain in the City of London, but now of Bishop's Stortford, co. Herts, Gent., dated 31 December 1811. To my wife Lydia certain shares. To my three sons Thomas Wilby, Walker William Wilby, and William Henry Wilby certain shares. To my eldest son Thomas Wilby of Christ's Hospital in the City of London my freehold house and lands at Bishop's Stortford that I bought. To my second son Walker William Wilby afsd., who succeeded in my business of a wire-drawer and spangle maker, and to his 9 children—namely, 4 girls and 5 boys. To my son Major William Henry Wilby, now serving in the Island of Barbadoes. Executors, my sons Thomas Wilby and Walker William Wilby, they to render the possession of my property as easy as they can to their Mother as far as she is interested. Witnesses, Mary Pavitt, Thomas Savill of Bishop's Stortford, servants in the family. Proved 31 July 1827 (P.C.C., 463, Heber).

From the tombstone in St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford:—

"Sacred to the memory of William Wilby, Esq., late of Wind Hill in this parish, who died the 28th of June 1827, in the 91st year of his age. Also to the memory of M^{rs} Lydia Wilby, wife of the above, who died the 7th of May 1832, aged 86 years."

Surmounted by a coat of arms (a fer de mouline) and the crest (a demi-lion rampant holding in his paws a fer de mouline).

A picture of W. Wilby is in the possession of Frederick Wilby. Issue:—

1. Thomas, son of William and Lydia Wilby, was baptized 11 January 1769; born 28 December 1768 (Register Bridewell Hospital Chapel).

Admitted into Christ's Hospital 6 May 1778; became Assistant Clerk at Christ's Hospital 1783; appointed Chief Clerk at Christ's Hospital 1819.

After 50 years' service the Court of the Christ's Hospital resolved: "That this Court, taking into consideration the faithful and meritorious services of Thomas Wilby, Esqre., the Chief Clerk of this Hospital, desires to record its entire and cordial approbation of the zeal and diligence with which he has executed the various duties committed to his charge during the long period of 50 years, and especially for the kindness, humanity, and courtesy with which he has at all times performed the same. This Court further desires to express its earnest hope that his health and strength may long be spared to enable him with comfort and satisfaction to continue his services to the Hospital."

Resolved: "That a piece of plate of the value of fifty guineas recording this resolution be presented to Thomas Wilby, Esq., as a small token of the approbation of the Governors."

The gift was a magnificent soup tureen, adorned with models of Blue-coat boys, which, with an illuminated address, emblazoned with the arms borne by himself and those of the Hospital, are in the possession of Frederick Wilby.

He retired from the Hospital to his seat at Bishop's Stortford in 1836. It was resolved unanimously by the Court, under the chairmanship of Wm. Thompson, M.P., President, to express regret at his leaving, and that he had received the respect of the Governors (see above). In the same year he received a letter of regret from the servants of the Hospital.

The following is an extract from Trollope's "History of the Hospital":—

"This gentleman (T. W.) has completed his fiftieth year of service in the different departments of Assistant Clerk, Receiver, Wardrobe Keeper, and Chief Clerk. It would be no less a public than a private wrong to omit a passing tribute to his worth as an individual, and his zeal and integrity as an officer of Christ's Hospital. To say more would be construed by himself into flattery; to say less would be regarded by others as unjust."

He added to the Bishop's Stortford estate by the purchase of 90, 93, 94, 95 on Ordnance Map, Mash Barus homestead with fields surrounding it, from . . . Heath, 26 and 27 September 1839; 105, 107, 108, from Winter's Trustees, 1832.

In 1838 churchwarden at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford. Will dated 23 August 1842. Mentions:—

To my eldest nephew William Wilby my freehold residence and grounds situate at Wind Hill in the Parish of Bishop's Stortford, and all other my freehold property called Mash Barns, etc., etc. Nephew Warner Wilby certain shares. Nephew Thomas Wilby certain shares. Niece Alicia, wife of George Trollope, the respectable Clerk of Christ's Hospital, who succeeded me in that office, certain shares. Niece Jane, wife of William Wix, the present worthy Clerk of Saint Bartholomew's Hospital. To my nephews Henry Sackville Wilby and Lieutenant William Wilby, the sons of my brother the late Lieutenant-Colonel William Henry Wilby, certain shares. Nieces Elizabeth and Anne, daughters of Lieut.-Colonel Wilby, certain shares. To the Governors of Christ's Hospital the sum of One Thousand Pounds for the general purposes of the said hospital as a token of gratitude and of my love and esteem for that truly noble and valuable institution. To M^{rs} Emma Whitehead, late Emma Wilby, my late dear father's niece. To the Benevolent Society of Blues, of which I have the honour to be a vice-president, £50. I hereby appoint William Wilby one of the Executors of this my will. And it is my wish and desire that he should reside in my present dwelling-house at Bishop's Stortford and carry on the concerns thereof in a similar manner to his predecessors. Godson Arthur Stephens. £50 to the deserving poor of Bishop's Stortford. Children of nephew Thomas Wilby. Two infant daughters of George and Alicia Trollope. Residue to eldest nephew on his being the occupier of my dwelling-house. Witnesses, Charles Frederick Hodson of North Street, Bishop's Stortford, Surgeon, Richard Thomas Patmore, Farmer, of Bishop's Stortford. Proved 18 March 1847.

Two oil paintings of Thomas Wilby and a large print of the Speech Day at Christ's Hospital, in which he is included, are in the possession of Frederick Wilby; another is at Christ's Hospital. He was a Governor of Christ's Hospital.

The following is a copy of the monument erected to him in St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford:—

"Sacred to the memory of Thomas Wilby, Esq., late of this Parish. Died Feb. 16, 1847, aged 66."
Arms as on his father's monument.

2. Walker William, son of William and Lydia Wilby, was baptized 9 May 1770; born 11 April 1770 (Register Bridewell Hospital Chapel) (of whom later).
3. William Henry, son of William and Lydia Wilby, baptized 10 June 1774; born 13 May 1774 (*Ibid.*). Admitted to Christ's Hospital 18 September 1783. Appointed Ensign to 47th Foot (Loyal North Lancashire Regiment), 1801.

1810. Downing Street, 15 March. Captain Wilby, Aide-de-Camp to Lieut.-General Sir G. Beckwith, K.B., commanding His Majesty's Forces in the Windward and Leeward Islands, arrived this morning with a despatch from the Lieut.-General to the Earl of Liverpool ("Gent. Mag.").

1814, 3 Feb. At St. Vincent, Major Wilby, 90th Regiment,* to Anne, eldest daughter of the Hon. Robert Paul, President of the Council there (*Ibid.*).

1821. In Devonshire Street, Portland Place, aged 27, Anne, wife of Lieut.-Colonel Wilby (*Ibid.*).

1831, 6 May. At Bishop's Stortford, Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Wilby. He was appointed Ensign in the 47th Foot in 1801, Lieutenant in 1802; in 7th Foot† 1803; Captain 90th Foot in 1806, Brevet-Major 1810, and Lieut.-Colonel 1819. He acted in 1809 and 1810 as Aide-de-Camp and Military Secretary to Lieut.-General Beckwith on the Staff in the West Indies, and was the bearer of the despatches and of the eagles taken from the enemy on the capture of Guadaloupe (*Ibid.*).

For some years before his death Colonel Wilby was permitted by his elder brother Thomas to reside at Wind Hill House, Bishop's Stortford. His wife's mother was buried in St. Michael's Church 1826. In the same year he was a subscriber to Chauncey's "History of Hertfordshire."

Monumental inscription in St. Michael's Church:—

Sacred to the memory of
Lieut.-Colonel William Henry Wilby
Late of His Majesty's 90th reg^t who was
many years in the Leeward Islands.
On the capture of Martinique 1809 brought
home the eagles taken from the enemys 82nd
Reg^t and the following year on the fall of Guadaloupe
was the bearer of the despatches announcing
the capture of that Island.
He died 6th May 1831.

Surmounted by same arms as on the other tablets.

* The Cameronians, now 2nd Battalion Scottish Rifles.

† Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

His miniature and pictures of the eagle and the flag of the French 82nd Regiment of the Line are in the possession of Frederick Wilby. His duelling and war pistols belong to Major Skeet.

Will dated 10 February 1831. Mentions: Rev. Charles Paul, brother-in-law, and Robert Paul of Kingston Park, St. Vincent, his deceased father-in-law. Proved 2 June 1831.

Mrs. Robert Paul's monument is in St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, on the north wall:—

Sacred to the
Memory of
Elizabeth
relict of the late
Robert Paul, Esq.
many years President of the
Council in the Island of St Vincent
Died 17 of Nov. 1826
Aged 50.

He married Anne Paul as above, by whom he had issue:—

1. Henry Sackville, born 1818; educated at Royal Military College, Sandhurst. (11 April 1838 Henry Sackville Wilby (22), first son Lieut.-Col. William Henry Wilby of Bishop's Stortford, Herts.—Lincoln's Inn Admission Register.) Died 12 July 1881 at Forest Hill.
1. "On 6th July, at Brighton, William Henry Wilby, eldest son of the late Henry Sackville Wilby, in the 62nd year of his age" (From the "Times," 1905).
2. William Henry, born 11 October 1819 (Lodge's "Peerage").

"King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment (4th).—Lieut.-General W. Wilby, C.B., who has succeeded the late General Sankey, C.B., in the Coloneley, joined the Army 27 May 1836; became Lieut.-Colonel 15 February 1859, Colonel 15 February 1864, Major-General 18 July 1869, and Lieut.-General 1 April 1882. He served with the regiment in the Crimea from 22 August 1855, including the siege and fall of Sebastopol (medal with clasp and Turkish medal). Commanded a wing of the 1st Battalion in Guzerat and Sind during the Indian Mutiny. Accompanied the 1st Battalion to Abyssinia and served as Brigadier-General, including the actions of Arogee. Led his brigade to the assault of Magdala, and was Commandant of that fortress from the time of its capture to that of its destruction. Mentioned in despatches, C.B., and medal." ("Times.")

"Lieut.-General W. Wilby, C.B., Major-General (Retired List) and Colonel Royal Lancaster Regiment, died at 35 Collingham Place, S.W., on the 15th inst., from syncope following influenza. The deceased, who was 75 years of age, joined the Army 27 May 1836; became Captain 10 December 1847, Major 7 August 1855, Lieut.-Colonel 15 February 1859, Colonel 15 February 1864, Major-General 18 July 1869, and retired with the hon. rank of Lieut.-General 1 April 1882. He served with the 4th Regiment in the Crimea from 22 August 1855, including the fall and siege of Sebastopol (medal with clasp and Turkish medal). Commanded a wing of the 4th Regiment in Guzerat and Sind during the Indian Mutiny. Served throughout the Abyssinian Campaign as a Brigadier-General, and

was present at the action of Arogee; led his brigade to the assault of Magdala, and was commandant of that fortress from the time of its capture to that of its destruction (mentioned in despatches, C.B., and medal). The funeral took place at Kensal Green on the 18th inst. Many old comrades and friends attended. His regiment was represented. ("Army and Navy Gazette," 23 December 1893.)

27 June 1843, at St. Mary's, Bryanston Square, William Wilby, Esq., of the 4th or King's Own, to Harriet, youngest daughter of the late Captain William Dowers, R.N. ("Gent. Mag.").

Served on the Staff in Ceylon 1878; then commanded Fleetwood Brigade Depôt (Lodge's "Peerage").

Had issue:—

- (1) Albert Egerton, died suddenly 13th, at Parliament House, South Australia, elder son of the late General Wilby, C.B.
- (2) Arthur Edward, Lieutenant 61st (South Gloucestershire) Regiment, 8 July 1868.
- (1) Alice Louisa, married 30th, at the Parish Church, St. Mary, Lancaster, by the Rev. E. Ker Gray, M.A., Vicar of St. Michael's and All Angels, North Kensington, assisted by the Rev. C. J. Satterthwaite, M.A., Vicar of Disley, Stockport, and the Rev. A. King, M.A., Rector of Sherrington, E. H. Satterthwaite, Esq., D.L. and J.P., of Castle Park, Lancaster, eldest daughter of Colonel Wilby, C.B., Commanding 11th Brigade Depôt, late of the 4th (King's Own) Royal Regiment.
- (2) . . . married . . . Morgan.
1. Elizabeth. At Wellow, Frederick William Curteis, Esq., late of Easleigh Lodge, near Warminster, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel Wilby, 90th Regiment, and niece of the Rev. Charles Paul, Vicar of Wellow ("Gent. Mag.," 20 November 1842).
2. Anne. At Wellow, Somerset, Robert Henry Mitford of Benhall, Suffolk, Esq., to Anne, youngest daughter of the late Lieut.-Colonel William Henry Wilby, and niece of the Rev. Charles Paul ("Gent. Mag.," 12 August 1847).

George III.

IX. Walker William Wilby of Wind Hill House, Bishop's Stortford, succeeded to the business in Little Britain, afterwards rector of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Married 9 February 1796: "At Kettleton, County Norfolk, Mr. Walker Wilby of Little Britain, to Mrs. Dewing, widow of Thomas Dewing, Esq., late of the County of Norfolk" ("Gent. Mag.").

He died at Kensington 24 July 1842 ("Gent. Mag.").

At Bishop's Stortford, the wife of Mr. Walker William Wilby of Little Britain, 9 February 1811 ("Gent. Mag.").

Memorial tablet in St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford:—

"Walker William Wilby, late of Kensington, in the County of Middlesex, and formerly of this Parish, died July 24, 1842, in his 73rd year. Mrs. Ann Wilby, wife of the above, died Feb. 9, 1811, in her 41st year."

Arms as on the other tablets.

I am inclined to think Mrs. Wilby before her marriage to Thomas Dewing was a Miss Errat. The Family Bible from which the births of the children of Walker William Wilby are taken formerly belonged to Mary Erratt, August 1787. An oil painting of Walker William Wilby is in the possession of Frederick Wilby. Had issue:—

1. William of Wind Hill House, Bishop's Stortford, born 28 October 1798 (Family Bible); baptized at St. Pancras. Godfather, Rev. W. Erratt. Educated for the Army at Sandhurst Military College, 4th Troop. On the death of his uncle succeeded to the estate at Bishop's Stortford, where he settled, devoting himself to the study of ornithology. He had at one time the finest collection of stuffed birds in the Kingdom. The English ones are now in the possession of Frederick Wilby; some of the foreign ones are at St. Edmund's College, Ware. Will dated 8 February 1866, of which mention is made later. On the same monument in St. Michael's Church as his uncle Thomas:—

“Also William Wilby, died 12 May 1866. Interred at Norwood.”

2. Warner, born 13 October 1799; baptized at St. Pancras. Godfathers, Rev. L. P. Stephens, Mr. T. C. Warner; Godmother, Mrs. J. Morgan. Lived at a farm at Dūnton near Billericay, County Essex, belonging to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Married at Billericay . . . Farley of White House Farm, Croydon. He afterwards lived at Teston, near Maidstone, Kent. He died s.p. He and his wife are both buried in Teston Churchyard.
3. Henry, born 9 October 1802, parish of St. Botolph; baptized at Croydon 28 July 1803.
4. Thomas, born 13 November 1803 at White House, Croydon; baptized at the Parish Church 10 December 1803 (of whom later).
5. George, born 25 January 1811 at Bishop's Stortford; baptized privately 26 January, then at St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, 28 March 1816. Godfathers, Colonel Tidy and Major Shadforth; Godmother, Mrs. Wraight.
1. Mary Ann, born 6 March 1801; baptized at St. Botolph's, Aldersgate; married 11 September 1833 Edward Trollope, Esq., son of the late Rev. Arthur William Trollope, D.D., Cambridge (see Burke's "Peerage," under "Baron Kesteven"). She died s.p.
2. Lydia, born 23 March 1805 at White House, Croydon; baptized at the Parish Church; buried in Bishop's Stortford Churchyard 9 October 1820.
3. Alicia, born 1 June 1806; baptized at St. Botolph's, Aldersgate; buried at Croydon.
4. Alicia, born 9 October 1807; baptized at St. Botolph's; married 11 July 1838 George Trollope, son of Rev. Arthur William Trollope, D.D., by whom she left issue:—
 - (1) Alice Jane.
 - (2) Mary Ann Sybil, married 15 June 1864 Rev. W. N. Daniel, and has issue (See Burke's "Peerage," under "Baron Kesteven").
5. Jane, born 23 October 1808 at Bishop's Stortford; baptized at the Parish Church; Rev. A. W. Trollope, Godfather; married William Wix, Clerk of St. Bartholomew's Hospital and son of the Rev. Samuel Wix, Vicar of St. Bartholomew-the-Less.

X. Thomas Wilby of Wind Hill House, educated at Christ's Hospital; lived first at Buckingham Square; went to St. Bartholomew's Hospital 1842, where for many years he was renter; married at St. Marylebone 3 February 1836 Alison, daughter of . . . Crichton of Sully, near Cardiff, South Wales. Had issue:—

- 1 and 2. Thomas and William, twins; the former died young. William became Renter of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; died s.p. 1870; buried at Norwood.
3. Thomas Walker, a twin with Alison, born 19 November 1841; buried at Norwood 1856.
4. Frederick, born 12 May 1849 (of whom later).
1. Lydia, born 1837; died 13 May 1850-1; buried at Norwood Cemetery.
2. Mary Anne, born 1839; died 8 July 1842; buried at Norwood Cemetery.
3. Alison Jane, twin with Thomas, born 19 November 1841; married Robert Skeet (see under Skeet).

Died at 15 Clarendon Gardens, Maida Vale, 9 October 1875; buried in Norwood Cemetery. Was a governor of St. Bartholomew's, St. Thomas's, and Bridewell Hospitals. Mrs. Wilby died at Wind Hill House 1867.

XI. Frederick Wilby of Westfield House, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, and 5 Savile Row, London, W.; educated at King's College School, is a Liveryman of the Tallow Chandlers' Company, a Governor of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, a Governor of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and of the London Hospital, Whitechapel. Owner of Stortford Park and of the Manor of Piggots and other property at Bishop's Stortford. Clubs: Junior Carlton, Conservative, St. Stephen's, and Royal Thames Yacht.

The Manor of Picotts or Piggots probably took its name from a family of that name. About 1320 Thomas Pigat held the Manor in grand-scrjeanty from the King by service of bearing a basin of water at his Coronation. Frederick Wilby purchased the Manor with Stortford Park from Mrs. Fitzgerald; they had formerly been the property of the Earl of Ellenborough. See also notice of Frederick Wilby, with lineage, in Burke's "Landed Gentry" ("Wilby of Westfield House").

ARMS OF WILBY.

"**LORD WYLBY**, Sable, a cross engrailed gold (**WILLOUGHBY**); quartered with gules, a mill-rind cross silver (**BEK**) ("Ancestor," 4 January 1903).

Roll of the Arms of the Knights at the Tournament at Dunstable in 7 Edward III.: "**Monsr. de Wylughby porte de goules ove un ferde molyn d'ermyyn**" ("Collectanea Topographica," vol. iv. 892).

Evidently the foundation of the following: "**WILBY**, Gules a fer-de-moulin argent" (Edmondson's "Complete Body of Heraldry, 1780"). The Heralds' College have no knowledge of this coat. It was borne by the earlier Wilbys of London and Bishop's Stortford.

As recorded in the Heralds' College: "Azure, on a pale within a bordure engrailed argent, a mill-rind sable"; and for crest, "A demi-lion rampant argent issuant from a wreath of laurel proper, girded with a collar gemel sable, and holding within the arms a mill-rind."

Motto: "Nulla pallescere culpa."

The name was ennobled by a member being present at the Battle of Agincourt (see page 145, at the commencement of the history of this family), the greatest of all armigerous honours.

"For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile
This day shall gentle his condition."

(Act iv., Scene 2, Shakespeare's "King Henry V.")

King Henry V. inhibited any person but such as had a right by inheritance or grant to assume coats-of-arms, except those who fought at the Battle of Agincourt. These rules of course exist to-day, and are administered by the Heralds at the College of Arms.

SCHEDULE OF THE WILBY ESTATE.

SOLD AT THE GEORGE HOTEL, BISHOP'S STORTFORD, 24 NOVEMBER 1903, BY
DIRECTION OF THE TRUSTEE OF W. WILBY.

LOT 1.—Wind Hill House, an old Tudor dwelling-house, which had been bought by the family in 1806, with 5 acres of park-like grounds and shrubbery, with old elms and oaks.

On second floor: five bedrooms, two of which were oak-panelled.

First floor: bedroom, 17ft. by 13ft. 9in.; panelled bedroom, 14ft. 6in. by 12ft. 3in.; another panelled room 15ft. by 14ft.; a bedroom 23ft. by 9ft. 6in.; a bedroom 18ft. by 14ft., all 11ft. high; another bedroom on a slightly lower floor, 23ft. 6in. by 13ft. 6in.; bath-room; panelled landing; drawing-room, 28ft. 6in. by 19ft., 11ft. high, with large bay window.

Ground floor: lofty panelled hall, 30ft. by 15ft. 6in., with old decorated ceiling in plaster-work; handsome old Jacobean staircase; dining-room, 26ft. by 18ft. 9in., with treble bay window; morning-room, 16ft. by 13ft. 9in.; library, 18ft. 6in. by 14ft. 6in., panelled walls; billiard-room, communicating with strong-room; large kitchen and servants' hall; conservatories and vineries; coachman's cottage and large amount of stabling, etc.

The house was situate on Wind Hill, next to St. Michael's Church; sold for £3100 to the Religious Society of the Most Holy Redeemer, who now use it as a residence, and have built a church, dedicated to St. Joseph and the English Martyrs, where the stables were.

This property, with lot 2, would have been bought by Major Skeet, but an arrangement before the sale was entered into between him and the Provincial of the Redemptorists that he would not bid against them, and that if the price went beyond £3500 he would assist him with money to buy it. It is now St. Joseph's, with a church attached dedicated to the English Martyrs and St. Joseph. A window in the Lady Chapel containing the figure of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and the arms of Wilby and Skeet quartering Somerseaes.

LOT 2.—St. Katherine's in the Wind Hill Road, with $\frac{3}{4}$ acre; bought by the Redemptorist Fathers for £1850.

- LOT 3.—Stort Lodge, dwelling-house, on the Little Hadham Road, with 6½ acres; bought by Mr. John Barker for £2500.
- LOT 4.—Meadow adjoining Stort Lodge, 4a. 2r. 33p.; Mr. John Barker, £600.
- LOT 5.—Meadow in the Maze Green Road, 3a. 2r. 24p.; Mr. H. Laugher, £700.
- LOT 6.—Meadow near Westfield House, 2a. 1r. 30p.; Major Skeet, £340.
- LOT 7.—Two meadows in Maze Green Road, 7a. or. 16p.; Mr. H. Laugher, £875.
- LOT 8.—Mash Barns Farm Homestead, 6a. 3r. 17p.; Mr. Barker, £1200.
- LOT 9.—Meadow, 2½ acres, close to homestead, 340ft. above sea-level, with beautiful views of the town and surrounding country; Major Skeet, £730.
- LOT 10.—Field in Little Hadham Road in front of homestead, with 900ft. of frontage, 340ft. above the sea, 15a. or. 16p.; Major Skeet, £2070.
- LOT 11.—Arable field on the inside of homestead, 14a. 1r. 22p.; Mr. Coleman, £575.
- LOT 12.—“Hilly” field in Cricket Field Lane; Sir Walter Gilbey, £360.
- LOT 13.—Meadow in Cricket Field Lane, 5a. or. 9p.; Mr. Barker, £650.
- LOT 14.—Meadow in Cricket Field Lane, 5a. or. 34p.; Sir Walter Gilbey, £825.
- LOT 15.—Meadow in Cricket Field Lane, 4a. or. 30p.; Mr. Barker, £500.
- LOT 16.—Meadow next Oak Hall, 2a. 2r. 29p.; Major Skeet, £440; re-sold to Mr. Pritchett.
- LOT 17.—Victoria Villa; Mr. Crisp, £830.
- LOT 18.—Two meadows, 4a. 2r. 39p., next to St. Mary’s Convent; Mrs. Gee, £600.
- LOT 19.—Two cottages in Hockerill; Mr. Gee, £330.
- LOT 20.—Ground on which Water Works stand; Urban District Council, £150.

The above property was left by the will of William Wilby, dated 8 February 1866, upon trust for his niece Alison Wilby (afterwards Alison Skeet) during her life, with remainder to her children as she should appoint. Proved 23 June 1866.

Mrs. Alison Skeet’s will, dated 25 February 1899, directed, after certain bequests, that under the will of her uncle William Wilby the residue should be divided amongst her children equally.

MURRAY OF FELTON HALL, SALOP.

THE early history of the founder of this family is shrouded in a good deal of mystery. The facts of his birth and parentage will read more like the commencement of Baring Gould's "Royal Gorgie" than the somewhat dry and prosaic style of most of the preceding pedigrees.

I. Robert Wyndham Lathrop Murray, from his own statement, was baptized in Mary-le-bone December 1777, but it is not recorded in the Parish Register. On another occasion he says: "The Rev. William Lee, curate of the Parish of Mary-le-Bone in the City of Westminster, who produced the register book of births and marriages of the said parish, in which it appears your petitioner was born 22nd Dec. 1780." The name of the curate at this time was the Rev. William Mead. The entry is not in the Register.

What is known is that he was a son of George III. His mother was probably a lady-in-waiting to Queen Charlotte, who married into the Atholl family. In 1802 Murray said his mother was Ann Lathrop of Westminster, in Her Majesty's employ; she was clearly only his foster-mother.

When two years of age he was taken to Felton Hall,* where, upon at least one occasion, the King visited his mother. She, knowing beforehand that he was coming at night, dressed herself as a man, rode out masked, and held up the Royal carriage between Felton and Shrewsbury. She then galloped back to the hall, and hastily changed her highwayman's clothes in time to smilingly receive her lover. At an early age he was sent to Westminster School, as the following entry in the College Register testifies: "Lathropp, Robert, b. . . ., admitted 13th March 1786."

Nathaniel Jefferys said a clergyman told him he left school in 1793. His name is not amongst the names of the Cambridge Undergraduates, nor is it in the Register of Sidney Sussex College either as Murray or Lathrop, though he said he was there; if so, it must have been under some other name (see Appendix I.).

In 1797 he was serving in the 2nd Royal Manx Fencibles, commanded by Lord Henry Murray, fourth son of the third Duke of Atholl, at Londonderry, where he fought two duels with his brother officers—one of them Colonel Peachy, afterwards M.P. for New Town; the other with Captain Anderson.

* LATHROP OF FELTON HALL.—The following particulars of this family are taken from "Transactions of the Shropshire Archaeological Society, 1890," p. 149. The writer, Mr. R. Lloyd Kenyon, told me he was not aware of the circumstances of Lathrop Murray's birth, but knew he was connected with the Duke of Kent in some way:—

"Township of Felton.—On 22nd April 1700 the men of Felton said that Elinor late wife of Samuel Williams of West Felton, and daughter of John Jones of Tedsmeare, by Joanna his wife, was dead, 'but what or what sort of heriot falls to the Lord thereby they do not know.' On the same day the jurors presented that Robert Lathrop, gentleman, who held three separate messuages and separate parcels of land belonging to them in the Manor, died since the October Court; that his best animals were due as heriots to the Lord, and that Robert Lathrop, gentleman, was his son and heir, and ought to pay 4s. 1d. for relief of the land."

This is the earliest mention I have found of the connection with Felton of the Lathrops, who owned Felton Hall from this time till the middle of the nineteenth century. A Robert Lathrop of Atcham, son of Ralph Lathrop of Yoxall, and Mary Aston his wife, accepted the King's general pardon for rebellion at Shrewsbury, 1660. The last of the family, Robert William Felton Lathropp, succeeded his father Robert in 1785. The Hall and 180 acres were let to a Mrs. Evans till 1849, when he returned to the Hall, and died there in 1850. The property was sold to different purchasers in 1853. It was afterwards burnt; only a small portion remains (1905), surrounded by a pretty park

In the same year he went through a form of marriage with Alicia Marshall. In the year 1801 he married Miss Clarke. The marriage was solemnized at St. Mary-le-bone. He is described in the Register as "Robert William Felton Lathropp, Esquire, of Felton Hall in the County of Salop, bachelor."

31st March 1802 a notice appeared in the "London Gazette" that Robert Lathropp Murray of Seymour Street, Portman Square, and of The Hermitage, co. Bucks, Baronet, of North Britain, had obtained a Royal Licence authorizing him to assume the surname and arms of Brown-Clark.

In a Gazette of Tuesday, 13 April 1802, there was the following notice: "His Majesty's warrant, allowing the person signing himself Robert Lathropp Murray, in his petition to His Majesty, delivered the 31st of last month, to assume the surnames of Brown-Clark, hath been cancelled by His Majesty's command, and declared null and void."

This is the first occasion upon which I find him using the name of Murray. The petition had been sent forward by one of the Heralds from the College of Arms*. The failure to obtain a change of name was due to Nathaniel Jefferys informing Richard Ford, chief police magistrate, of the marriage in Ireland. Jefferys had been a silversmith and money-lender in Cockspur Street and Dover Street, who had lent money to the Prince Regent, at different times, in 1790 to pay a creditor of Mrs. Fitzherbert. He afterwards became an inveterate enemy of the Prince, and wrote a pamphlet against him, which was answered by "Philo Veritas" with "Diamond cut diamond."

In April 1802 he entered into a controversy in "The Times" with Murray, who stated, amongst other things, that "The Baronetage of Murray came to the family in 1680, by the second brother of Murray, the then Baronet, marrying Miss Lathropp and assuming her name." I have been unable to trace any reference to this in old baronetages. It is possible there had been a Nova Scotia creation with remainder to a female line, but in any case Murray was not of the blood.

June 1802 he was in a Banking concern in Portland Place with T. Leveson Prescott and John King.

1806. Was again in the Army as a Captain in the 1st Regiment Royals. In the same year he married Lydia, widow of William Marriott of the E. I. C. service, and daughter of the Rev. John Mogridge, Vicar of Pershore, Worcestershire, with whom he lived at 11 Park Street, Mayfair. His regiment was commanded by the Duke of Kent and Strathearn, who seems to have been his friend for many years, the tradition of this friendship still existing in the neighbourhood of Felton. He was godfather to the only son of the marriage. I have a letter, franked by him for Murray, to his wife in Liverpool, from London, dated 2 March 1807.

1813. Ordered to the Peninsula. Some time previous he had exchanged into the Royal Wagon train. In a will made at Portsmouth before sailing, 12 February 1813, he describes himself as of West Felton Hall, Salop, and 11 Park Street. "Bequeath everything to my wife Lydia Murray (formerly Lydia Marriott) well knowing she will do her duty by our son Edward Kent Strathearn Murray. I give unto Gustavus Baron Nolcken† of Tonbridge Place (in whose family I have placed my wife), and unto Frederick Silver, and

* All the papers connected with this petition were returned to the Home Secretary by Garter King at Arms in 1802.

† Swedish Ambassador to the Court of St. James's; died 1813. His granddaughter Utinia de Nolcken married Richard Hudson, a relation by marriage of Mrs. Lydia Murray, whose great friend she was (see "Manors of Wike Burnell and Wyke Waryn," C. E. Mogridge Hudson).

George Baker Ballachev of Highbury Place, Esqre., etc." In this will he left everything to his wife, with remainder to his son.

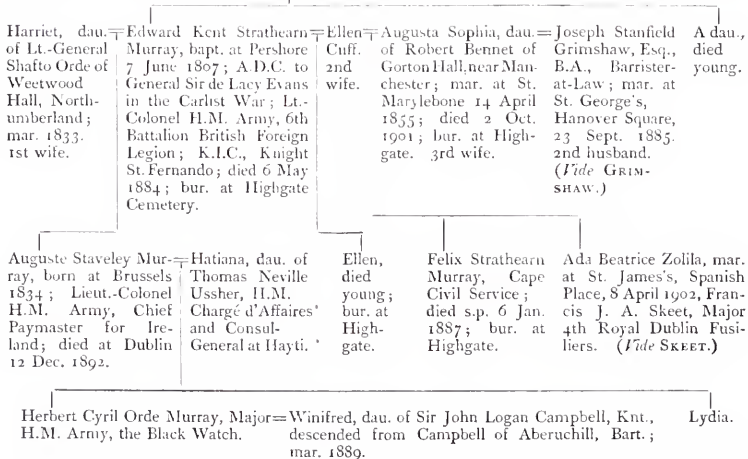
On his return from the Peninsula in 1814 he, with one or others of his Royal half-brothers, endeavoured to assist Napoleon to leave Elba. This attempt was discovered. Captain Murray was arrested in St. James's Street, but slipped out of the coat he was driving in and handed it to his valet, who was able to get rid of incriminating documents. The old charge of the Irish marriage was trumped up again, and he was sent, with every luxury, into exile in Australia, in spite of the speeches made in Parliament on his behalf by Sir Samuel Romilly, the Solicitor-General.

In 1842 he petitioned the Crown for permission to return, which was allowed. He retired to Felton Hall, where his wife, who had so long passed an enforced widowhood, visited him with his son. In 1827 he had gone through a ceremony of marriage with a lady in Australia, who afterwards followed him to England with a number of children.

The following account of his death is from "The Shrewsbury Chronicle," 13 November 1850: "2nd inst., at West Felton Hall in this County, Robert Lathrop Murray, late Captain in the Royals. He had recently received the Queen's medals for his services in the Great Peninsula campaigns under the Duke of Wellington."

PEDIGREE SHewing DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT AND LYDIA MURRAY.

Robert Wyndham Lathrop Murray, = Lydia, widow of William Marriot, Hon. E.I. Co.'s Service,
Capt. 1st Royals and Wagon Train; and dau. of John Mogridge, Clerk in Holy Orders, Vicar of
died at Felton Hall, Salop, 2 Nov. Pershore, Worcestershire; born 24 April 1787; died 1869;
1850. bur. at Boulogne, France.



For descent of Lydia, wife of Captain Murray, and Augusta, wife of Colonel Murray, see Hudson's "Manors of Wike Burnell and Wyke Waryn."





LIEUT.-COLONEL E. K. S. MURRAY,
A.D.C. TO SIR DE LACY EVANS.

Colonel Murray bore the strongest likeness in features, colouring, and aristocratic bearing to his uncles. His father was intimately connected with the Royal Dukes, and even in misfortune felt the protection of Royalty, which had at one time lavished gifts upon him.

Besides 11 Park Street, Captain Murray at one time owned the site of the Old Quebec Chapel and houses in Lower Seymour Street. His family have always banked with Coutts, the Royal Bankers, where there are probably still papers shewing the Royal connection.

11. Edward Kent Strathearn Murray was born probably at Pershore. "Baptism 1807." "Edward Kent Strathearn, son of Robert Wyndham Lathropp Murray and Lydia Murray, born June 7th, 1807" (Parish Register, Holy Cross, Pershore, Worcestershire).

I have not been able to find the Register in which the marriage of Captain Murray and Lydia Marriot is entered, but the following extracts from a letter will shew the clandestine marriage took place:—

Felton Hall,
22 September 1848.

My dearest Lydia,

.... I am glad you are going to the church where we were married. When you was told to bear in your recollection that you was the only woman on earth I had ever dared to introduce as my wife to the officers' wives of my regiment I wish you would take that opportunity to obtain the certificate of our marriage. I assert POSITIVELY, in contradiction to your son, that no marriage is legal (or rather was before the recent alteration in the Marriage Laws), which was contracted by a *minor* man of property without the WRITTEN consent of his guardians. I was of age when I married you, and every argument to assert that your marriage with me was illegal, or that our children were illegitimate, irritates me beyond expression

Your faithfully affectionate husband,

ROBT LATHROP MURRAY.

At first intended for the Church, which subsequent events prevented (see Appendix 1.), then for the Diplomatic Service, for which he was educated at Ste. Adresse near Hâvre, France, and at the University of Geneva, finishing his education in Rome and Florence; but afterwards a military career was decided upon.

Gazetted Lieutenant 11th Regiment British Militia, Forfar and Kincardine, 30 May 1835. Commission signed by Airlie, Lieutenant of Forfarshire.

Proceeded with the British Auxiliary Legion, under General Sir de Lacy Evans, to Spain, as Lieutenant 7th Regiment Irish Light Infantry, 11 April 1836. Captain, 10 August 1836. Served on the Staff as Aide-de-Camp to Sir de Lacy Evans. He distinguished himself at the siege of Irun, after its capture from the Carlists, during the sacking of the town. He saved the lives of a lady and her three daughters at the risk of his own, in gratitude for which they presented him with a very precious rosary, now in his daughter's possession. He was seriously wounded, and had his horse shot under him, at the battle of Bilbao, and shot in the thigh by a musket ball at the action at Hernani, 15 March 1837. He was decorated with the orders of Isabella la Católica and San Fernando, and several medals, now in his daughter's possession (see Appendix).

1855. Appointed to the British Foreign Legion: "War Office, 5 June 1855. British Foreign Legion. First Line Battalion. Edward Kent Murray, Esq., formerly of the British Auxiliary Legion, to be Major-Commandant with the Brevet Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army while so employed" (see Appendix V.).

Took command of the 1st Battalion at Shorncliffe (see "Illustrated News," 21 July 1855).

"War Office, Friday, 10 August 1855. British Foreign Legion. Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel E. K. Murray to be Lieutenant-Colonel."

Was Commandant 6th Light Infantry Regiment 15 June 1856, at Dover Castle. Proceeded with his regiment from Portsmouth to East London; was quartered, amongst other places, at Dohne Fort, Kafraria.

Died at 45 Avenue Road, Regent's Park, 6 May 1884; buried at Highgate Cemetery.

Married—first, in 1833, Harriet, daughter of Lieutenant-General Leonard Shafto Orde of Westwood Hall, Northumberland, by Lady Louisa Anne Jocelyn, fifth daughter of Robert, first Earl of Roden (see Burke's "Peerage," and "Landed Gentry"), by whom he had:—

1. Auguste Staveley, born at Brussels 1834. British Foreign Legion. Then Lieutenant-Colonel and Chief Paymaster for Ireland. Died at Dublin, where he was buried 12 December 1892. Married Hatiana, daughter of Thomas Neville Ussher, H.M. Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General at Hayti, by Eliza, daughter of Captain Fawcett (see Burke's "Landed Gentry," Ussher of Eastwell), by whom he had:—
 - (1.) Herbert Cyril Orde, Major Black Watch, formerly of the Gloucestershire Regiment, who married, 1889, Winifred, daughter of Sir John Logan Campbell, Knt. Bach., son of late John Campbell, M.D., F.R.C.S. (see Campbell of Abernethy, Bart.), by Emma, daughter of late Sir John Cracroft Wilson, K.C.S.I., C.B. (see Burke's "Peerage").
 - (1.) Lydia Flora.

Secondly, in Scotland, Ellen Cuff, an orphan, whom he met at her cousin's, Benjamin Cuff Greenhill of Knowle Hall, Somerset (see Greenhill of Knowle Hall, Burke's "Landed Gentry"). Buried at Highgate. Had issue:—

1. Ellen, buried S. Patrick's, Highgate.

Thirdly, at St. Mary-le-Bone, 14 April 1855, Augusta Sophia, daughter of Robert Bennett of Gorton Hall near Manchester, by Anne, daughter and coheirress of Samuel Barker of Culcheth Hall, county Chester, and grand-niece of William Assheton, last of the Asshetons of Shepley Hall, Ashton-under-Lyne. (For Pedigree see "The Manors of Wike Burnell and Wyke Waryn," by C. E. Mogridge Hudson, 1901.) Had issue:—

2. Felix Strathearn of the Cape of Good Hope Civil Service. Secretary to Sir Thomas Sealand, Premier of the Cape Government, etc. Died s.p. 6 January 1887; buried at Highgate Cemetery.
2. Ada Beatrice Zolila, married Major Francis J. A. Skeet (see Skeet Pedigree).

Mrs. Augusta Murray married secondly, 23 September 1885, at St. George's, Hanover Square, Joseph Stanfield Grimshaw, Esq., B.A., Barrister-at-Law (see Grimshaw Pedigree). She died at Tunbridge Wells 2 October 1901, and was buried in her first husband's vault at Highgate.

APPENDICES.

I.

MS. note in handwriting of Capt. Lathropp Murray :—

“To my son Edward Kent Strathearn Murray.

“I think it was in 1810 his mother and myself went to see my son Kent at his school (M^r Galindo's) in Hampshire, who had promised to carefully attend to his classical education. It was my intention to have sent him to my College (Sydney Sussex) at Cambridge, which subsequent events ALONE prevented. In that case he would most probably have been a Bishop, or a higher Dignitary, had he survived King George III.”

II.

Legion Britannica.

San Sebastian, 12 October 1837.

Sir,

I have the gratification of informing you that H.C. Majesty has been pleased to confer upon you the Cross of the Distinguished Order of Isabella the Catholica, as a reward for your brilliant conduct at the assault and taking of Irun on the 16th and 17th of May last. The Royal Diploma has not yet been received, but as soon as it shall have arrived it will afford me much pleasure to forward it to your address.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM A. CLARKE, Lt.-Col.,

A.Q.M.G.

Lt.-Col. Kent Murray, etc., etc., etc.

III.

My dear Murray,

I have the greatest pleasure in forwarding to you Her Majesty's Diploma for the first class of the Honourable and distinguished Order of San Fernando, conferred on you by Genl. Evans for your distinguished gallantry on the 1st Octr. 1836. As your brother aide-de-camp and companion in arms on that day, and many other hard-fought battles, and as Senior aide-de-camp to the Lieut.-General, allow me to congratulate you most sincerely on the Queen's acknowledgement of your gallantly-earned honours, and be assured that not only myself, but all your brother officers, will be ever anxious to hear of your success and happiness thro' life.

Believe me,

My dear Murray,

Yours most sincerely,

J. W. WOOLDRIDGE,

Colonel, A.D.C.

To Lieut.-Colonel Kent Murray,
A.D.C., etc., etc., etc.

IV.

Stⁿ Sebⁿ, 6 June 1837.

My dear Kent Murray,

I am not surprised at your being annoyed at your name, amongst those whom I thought it but just to thank in my despatch regarding Irun, having been omitted through some mistake by the copiest for the newspapers. In the original, and in the Spanish and French papers, that mistake did not occur. It was not as a matter of form that I included your name, but because I witnessed with extreme gratification your most generous and gallant conduct—a whole family and several of the factious soldiers owe their lives to your determined protection, which was at the most imminent hazard of your own. Make what use you please of this, and

Believe me your sincere friend,

D. L. EVANS.

To Lt.-Col. Kent Murray, A.D.C.

V.

Bryⁿ Sq.,

11 May (1855).

My dear Kinlock,

You must well recollect our gallant and high-minded comrade Lt.-Col^l Kent Murray. He served in Spain during the whole period of my last duties in that country. He first attracted my notice by his intelligence & activity as Captain of Light Infantry of the 7th Lt Infantry Reg^t.

For the last year he served as one of my Aides-de-Camp, during which he gave me the highest satisfaction by distinguished & remarkable intelligence, zeal, and bravery, for which he was promoted to a Majority & Lt-Coloneley. He is a superior Linguist, & to high moral qualities adds the advantages of an excellent education.

Believe me in haste, very truly yours,

DE LACY EVANS.

To Br-General Kinlock.

BLAKE OF DRUM AND GORTNAMONA.

THE following account of this branch of the Blake family gives rather more information of the later descent than the one given in "Blake Family Records," from which valuable work I have taken much interesting information.

Captain James Blake was the second son of Walter Blake, who married Juliane, daughter of James Browne, and died November 1573 (for account of his descent see "Blake Family Records"). He left three sons—(1) Sir Valentine, first Baronet of Menlo; (2) James, of whom we treat; (3) Robert, founder of the family of Blake of Twisel, Northumberland. For historical account of Captain Blake see "Blake Family Records" (First Series). He married Margery, daughter of Dominick Browne of Galway; he died 20 February 1635; buried at St. Francis Abbey, Galway, leaving issue:—

1. Geoffrey.
2. Jennett.

Geoffrey married Juliane, daughter of Thomas Martin of Galway, merchant; died before 1673, leaving issue:—

1. Walter.
2. James, a Catholic priest.

Walter of Drum, of which property he got a grant by patent under the Acts of Settlement, married first (articles dated 25 February 1660) Christiane, daughter of Sir Richard Blake, Knight, of Ardfry, by whom he had:—

1. Geoffrey, married about 1732 Juliane, daughter of James Kirwan of Newcastle, co. Galway, by whom he had Walter, died young. Died 1733.
2. Valentine (of whom later).
 1. Mary, married 1690 Charles Geoghegan of Bunowen, co. Galway.
 2. Juliane, married Dominick Burke.

Married secondly Juliane, by whom he had:—

3. Peter, who left issue.

Valentine of Drum married (articles dated 29 November 1701) Mary, daughter of Thomas Lynch of Cregmore, co. Galway; died 17 July 1752, leaving issue: Anthony of Drum, formerly of Cregmore, married Magdalen Lynch, who survived him; he died 25 April 1759. Her will dated 22 December 1765; proved in Prerogative Court 1 May 1766. Leaving issue:—

1. Valentine, died young 26 October 1760.
2. Patrick of Drum, Mayor of Galway 1771; admitted to the Middle Temple 24 January 1777; married ("the beautiful Kate of Gardena Villa") 1774 Katherine (or Maria) Nagle of co. Cork; he died 11 September 1782 (will

same date). His widow remarried in 1783 James Skerrett of Galway, and died 1796. Their issue:—

1. Valentine (of whom presently).
2. James.
3. Mary, married Rev. Lorenzo Hely-Hutchinson (sixth son of the Right Hon. John Hely-Hutchinson, Provost of Trinity College, Dublin). Had issue:—
 1. Margaret, married 1796 Francis David Kirwan.
 2. Magdalen.

Valentine, born 1780, of Tully and Gortnamona; married Anne, daughter of Major James Burke of Gortnamona, sister of Nicholas and Walter Arcedeckne Burke. Nicholas had no children; he left the estate of Gortnamona to his nephew Patrick Blake of Drum, as he considered he would pay off its heavy incumbrances. This he did, buying it out of the Enumbered Estates Court at a reduced figure, in consideration of his being the heir by will of his uncle. Walter Arcedeckne Burke had one daughter Anne, who married first James Fitzpatrick, the only son of her aunt Helen, by whom she had no issue; secondly St. John, second son of the thirteenth Lord Dunboyne. They had issue: James Henry Edward Arcedeckne Butler, who assumed by royal licence in 1867 the surname and arms of Arcedeckne in addition to and before those of Butler, as heir general of the Arcedecknes of Gortnamona. Valentine Blake died about 1820. Will dated 7 March 1819. Proved P.C., 15 February 1821. Leaving issue:—

1. Patrick (of whom presently).
1. Mary, born 1803; married 1825 Hubert Moore of Shannon Grove (a seion of the O'Moores of Cloghan Castle). She died in 1833-4, leaving issue:—
 1. Butler, an officer in the 89th Regiment.
 1. Mary, married . . . White of Lissiniskea, co. Tipperary; died 1902.
 2. Jane, married 21 May 1853 Sir Thomas George Skipworth, ninth Baronet, and has issue (see Burke's "Peerage").

Patrick, born 1800, of Drum, Tully, Gortnamona, and Spiddal (left him by his first-cousin James Burke, since sold); married Eleanor Mary, daughter of Henry E. Roberts of Montagu Square, London, by Eleanor, daughter of Major James Burke of Gortnamona, his cousin. He died 24 July 1857. Will dated 12 May 1857. Proved 17 November 1860. His wife died 30 June 1874. Will dated 14 May 1874. Proved 27 October 1874, leaving issue:—

1. Valentine Fitzpatrick (of whom later).
2. Walter Henry, born and died 1842.
1. Frances of Bangor, North Wales.
2. Rosa, died unmarried March 1893.
3. Eleanor, married 1876 Henderson Boyle, now deceased, by whom she had one daughter Eleanor, both now of Bangor, North Wales.
4. Marian Agnes, died unmarried 1865.

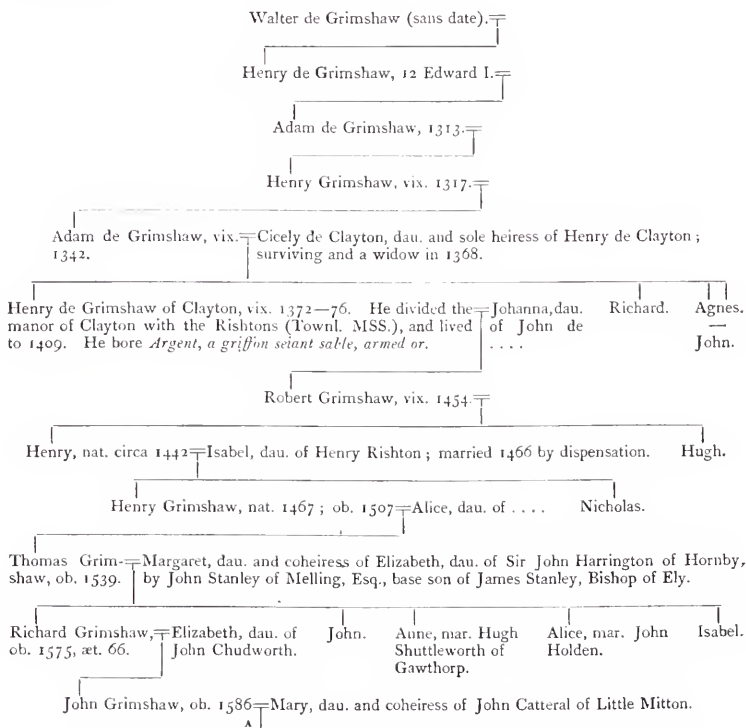
Valentine Fitzpatrick Blake of Gortnamona, J.P. for the County of Galway, born 6 September 1831; married Ellen Smith; he died at Bray 1 November 1870. Will dated 14 June 1869. Proved 3 December 1870. Had with other issue:—

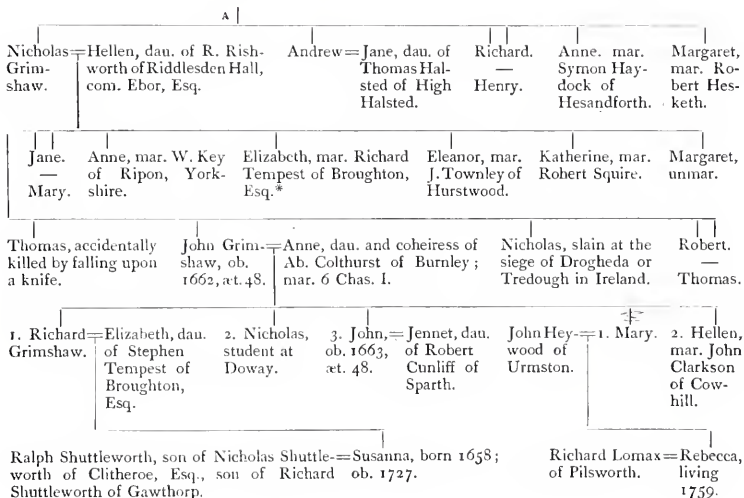
Valentine Alexander, born at Dublin 22 October 1869, of Gortnamona, co. Galway; educated at Westward Ho and Trinity College, Dublin; gazetted to

4th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers 9 February 1889; Captain 11 March 1896; transferred to 4th Scottish Rifles 12 December 1899; served with his regiment in the South African War 20 February to 26 June 1901, principally at Boschof in the Orange Free State; promoted to the honorary rank of Major August 1905; married 22 October 1902 at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, by the Rev. Canon McCormick, D.D., Rector of the parish, Alison Ann Josephine (Elsie), eldest daughter of the late Robert Skeet of Wind Hill House, Bishop's Stortford, gentleman (see that Family). Residence, Warwick Road, Hockerill Park, Bishop's Stortford. Clubs, Junior Naval and Military and United Service Club, Dublin. Arms: "Argent, a fret gules." Crest: "A cat passant guardant proper." Motto: "Virtus sola nobilitat."

GRIMSHAW.

THIS is a very ancient family in the County of Lancashire. The following pedigree from Whitaker's "History of Whalley" is inserted here, as I fancy most of the Grimshaws claim descent from it:—





I made inquiries at the College of Arms regarding the coat and crest given in 2nd edition of Burke's "Landed Gentry"—"Argent, a griffin seggrant sable, beaked and membered or." Crest: "A demi-griffin sable"—and received the following particulars: The crest of a demi-griffin is not a genuine crest of Grimshaw, there being none to the name resembling it. There is no crest to the family of Grimshaw of co. Lancaster, a long pedigree of which family was recorded at the Herald's Visitation of the county in 1664, but the arms are a crowned griffin. There are recorded two illegitimate lines, who, of course, have no right to the arms. The arms of Grimshaw in the Pipe Series at Stoneyhurst College quartered by Isabel Ingleby, wife of Richard Shireburn of Stoneyhurst, are: "Argent, a griffin seggrant sable" ("History of Stoneyhurst College," p. 66).

GRIMSHAW OF AUDENSHAW, CO. LANCASTER, NOW OF LUDDINGTON, SURREY.

I. . . . Grimshaw, perhaps descended from Grimshaw of Whalley, bought a house in Edge Lane, Droylsden, four miles east of Manchester; he married a daughter of Daniel Wilde, by whom he had issue:—

1. George, died aged 99.

* See that family, p. 118.

2. James (of whom later).
3. Joseph.
4. Thomas, who left issue: Thomas, Thomas George, John, and three daughters, one of whom married . . . Hopwood.
1. Mary, born 1672.

II. James Grimshaw of Droylsden, born 1661; died 27 June 1718. Had issue:—

1. James (of whom later).
2. John of Gorton, died s.p.
1. Mary, born 29 June 1696.
2. Elizabeth, born 13 January 1703; died 1723; married . . . Pilkington.
3. Ann, born August 1707; married . . . Knight. She died 3 October 1729.

III. James of Audenshaw, parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, born 16 October 1694; married 1 February 1721 Jane, daughter and heiress of Robert Stanfield of Audenshaw, and with her acquired that estate; died 11 February 1772. He had issue:—

1. James, died s.p.
2. Samuel, died s.p.
3. John (of whom later).
4. George of High Bank, Gorton, who had issue:—
 - (1) John, born 21 November 1776.
 - (2) George, born 1782.
 - (3) James, born 1784.
 - (4) Samuel, born 1785.
 - (1) Betty, born 1779.

They all died without issue, leaving considerable property, which their cousins John, Joseph, and William inherited.

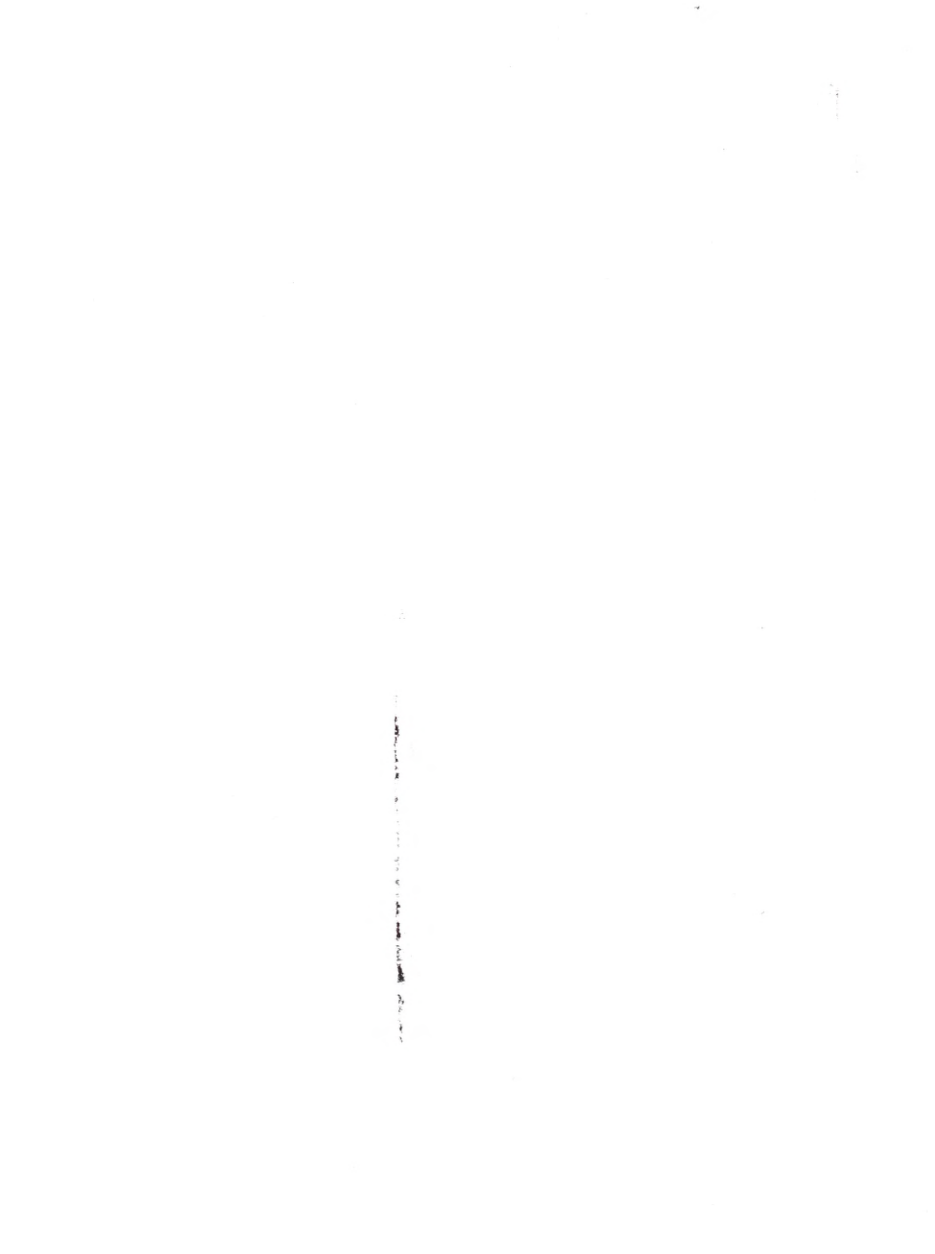
IV. John of Audenshaw, born 1 March 1738; died 12 June 1822; married 28 October 1779 Mary, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Holt of Wilmslow. She was born 5 December 1749; died 6 September 1810. He had issue:—

1. James, died s.p.
2. John (of whom later).
3. Joseph Stanfield, born 28 January 1783; died s.p. 20 January 1869.
4. William, born 8 December 1784; died 1882; married 3 December 1835 Harriet, daughter of Robert Pattinson of Hull, who died 3 December 1890. He had issue:—
 - (1) William, died s.p.
 - (2) Frederick Stanfield, born 5 June 1838; died s.p. 29 August 1867.
 - (1) Helena Caroline, married 10 September 1874 Harrington Arthur Harrop Hulton (see Burke's "Landed Gentry").
 - (2) Harriet, died s.p. 29 March 1857.
1. Mary, died s.p.

V. John, Esq., of Audenshaw Lodge, born 28 January 1783; died 2 July 1861; married 14 June 1832 at St. Mary's, Manchester, Mary Anne, daughter of Henry Ogden of

Middleton, near Manchester. Mr. Grimshaw was in the Commission of the Peace for the Counties of Lancaster and Chester. He had issue:—

1. John, born 21 April 1833; died s.p. 22 October 1882.
 2. Joseph Stanfield, Esq., B.A., of Luddington House, Egham, Surrey, and the Wyndham Club, St. James's Square, London, born 13 January 1836; married 23 September 1885 at St. George's, Hanover Square, Augusta Sophia, widow of Lieut.-Colonel Murray (see that family). Mr. Grimshaw was called to the Bar and is a Barrister of the Middle Temple.
 3. George, born 26 January . . . ; died 21 January 1898; married Kate, daughter of . . . Withers, by whom he has:—
 1. Henry, born 8 August 1893.
 1. Kathleen, born 12 April 1892.
 2. Gladys, died 22 October 1895.
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